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Paris, Dec. 9.
Being a lawyer, a musician a composer, a professional club-woman and a public speaker is all in the day's work for Lena Madelin Phillips, President of the National Council of Women of the United States and the International Federation of Business and Professional Women.

"There's time for everything," she said on her arrival in Paris for the 1934 International Women's Council conference. "But to do it all, you have to put each thing in its place and keep it there," she explained. "It's not easy but neither is it impossible."

Miss Phillips is devoting her life to the cause of women. In a very moving address given at the Sorbonne Amphitheatre, welcoming the International Council of Women, she took up the question of "Woman's Right to Work."

"Women's right to work has never been questioned," she said with considerable enthusiasm. "From the vantage point of this congress I see her toiling in the fields, bearing upon her back the burdens of the pack horse, scrubbing, washing, cooking, sewing, working in poverty and need from sunrise to sunset and longer," thus confirming the old proverb that "Man works from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done."

"Give us more tractors on the field, more washing machines in the home," she added, "if you really mean that women are too frail in body to work. Abolish child labour, provide scientific care for our babies, if motherhood is too sacred to draw a pay cheque. It is not the right to work to which woman aspires and which she is denied. It is her right to equal pay for equal work, to the jobs paying more money for less work—her right to opportunity and power with their attendant prestige. It is neither inferior physical strength, nor less need, nor the protection of the child that is the basis of discrimination against women. That discrimination arises from our competitive world, in which the strong exploit the weak. If need is the criterion, why not limit the employment of those who because of accumulated wealth have no need of gainful employment?"

PROGRESS

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In an eloquent and dramatic conclusion, Miss Phillips said: "Night makes right in our world—might, incited by greed, fear, ignorance, masculine selfishness. Theoretical right woman has—and potential might. When will woman be consumed with the divine passion to use that might to enforce her rights? When will the half-gods so that the real gods may come?"

During the past twelve years, Miss Phillips has lectured in every state in the United States and in more than twenty foreign countries, preaching the cause and proclaiming the effect of women at work in equality with men.—United Press.

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Memorial To German Spy

"DIED FOR US IN TOWER OF LONDON"

GERMAN OFFICER'S BRIEF CAREER

The unveiling of a memorial at Lubeck to Lieutenant Carl Hans Lody, one of the most famous of German spies, who was executed in the Tower of London on November 6, 1914, recalls some of his activities in Scotland.

Lody, a German naval officer, arrived in England early in August 1914 bearing an American passport in the name of Charles A. Inglis. He was thirty-five, and had travelled extensively. He spoke English fluently with a noticeable American accent. His knowledge of British and American life was, naturally, of much assistance to him as a secret service agent in this country.

Not long after his arrival he came under the suspicion of the authorities. Although the extent of his activities will probably never be known, it is understood that his espionage work was marked by reports showing him to be a highly accomplished observer.

His attempts to send out information were immediately checked; indeed, Sir Basil Thomson in his book, "Queer People," states that the well-known story of Russian troops travelling south through Britain was the only report which Lody was permitted to send to Germany.

LIVED IN EDINBURGH

Lody was in Edinburgh and district from August until September, and it is said that on one occasion, on finding that he was being shadowed after a visit to the Rosyth neighbourhood, he actually complained to the police. His "injured American citizen" attitude succeeded, and he was able to shake off pursuit for a time.

The trail, however, was picked up in London, and shortly afterwards he was again reported in Scotland. Liverpool next saw Lody, or, rather, Lody saw what he could of the Mersey in wartime, and a visit as an American tourist to Ireland and Killarney followed. Here he was detained on October 2, 1914, and his short-lived career of espionage was at an end.

REPORTING NAVAL MOVEMENTS

As a naval officer, Lody's reports of movements and appearances of ships would, no doubt, have been of the greatest value to Germany. In this connection, he is said to have attempted to send a message from Edinburgh reading, "Must cancel. Johnson very ill last four days. Shall leave shortly." According to his admission at his trial by Court-martial at Westminster, this innocent communication referred to the departure of the Fleet from the Forth within four days.

He offered no defence at his trial other than that he had done his duty. Lody was the first secret service agent to be executed in Britain during the War, and the first person to pay the extreme penalty in the Tower of London since the middle of the eighteenth century.

The memorial at Lubeck depicts a knight in armour, with drawn visor and fettered hands. Rear-Admiral Lindau, who performed the unveiling ceremony, explained that the drawn visor signified the secrecy in which Lieutenant Lody had had to perform his task, the fetters his imprisonment, and a hole in the breastplate his heroic death. The inscription on the memorial reads, "Carl Hans Lody. Died for us in the Tower of London. Remember."

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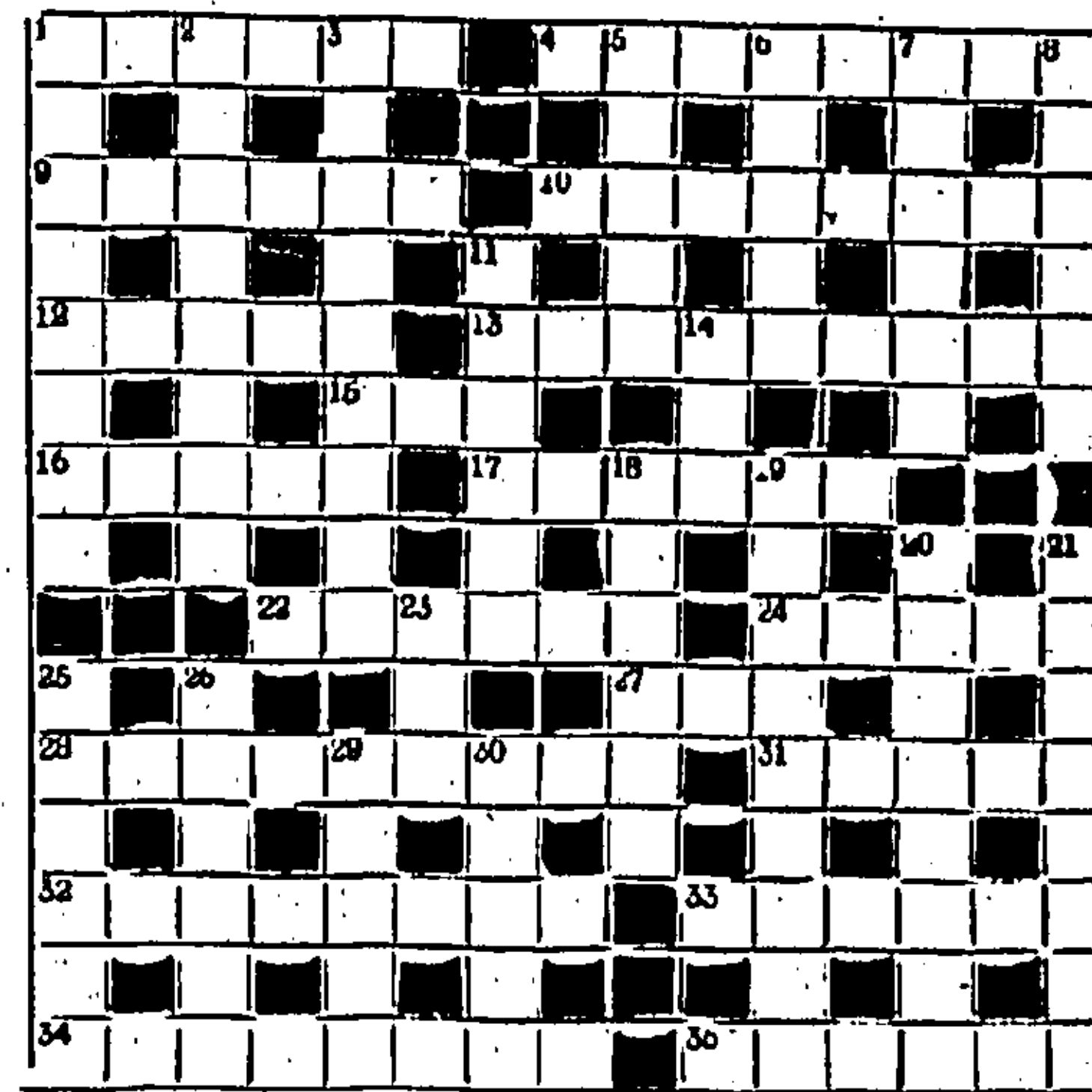
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 - The term of office in which the minister took nourishment.
 - Greek mountain.
 - Resided in a mad welter.
 - Approaches humbly, sore at heart.
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 - A speedy one.
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 - Men-of-war presented by a horse doctor in the Spanish Parliament.
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 - Sydney Smith said that Daniel Webster struck him as being very like one in trousers.
 - Eats dirt in a streaky way.
 - The appearance of sap, etc.
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- Set safety devices round the feet for fish.
 - They can't be if they're fixtures, can they?
 - Gael mirth (anag.).
 - Did he shout this to one of them when the nymphs pursued him?
 - Low language.
 - A lady follower of Bacchus hints at poor publicity.
 - The muddle that the dog-breeder expects.
 - Separated with the top card in the middle.
 - The inflammable part of the Tower.
 - Noted actor.
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BOUND FOR MANILA

QUEZON AND PARTY SAIL FROM SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Dec. 18.
Senator Manuel Quezon and ex-Senator Hawes sailed this afternoon by the Dollar liner President Coolidge for Manila.

Senator Quezon, whose health has improved since undergoing an operation in the United States,

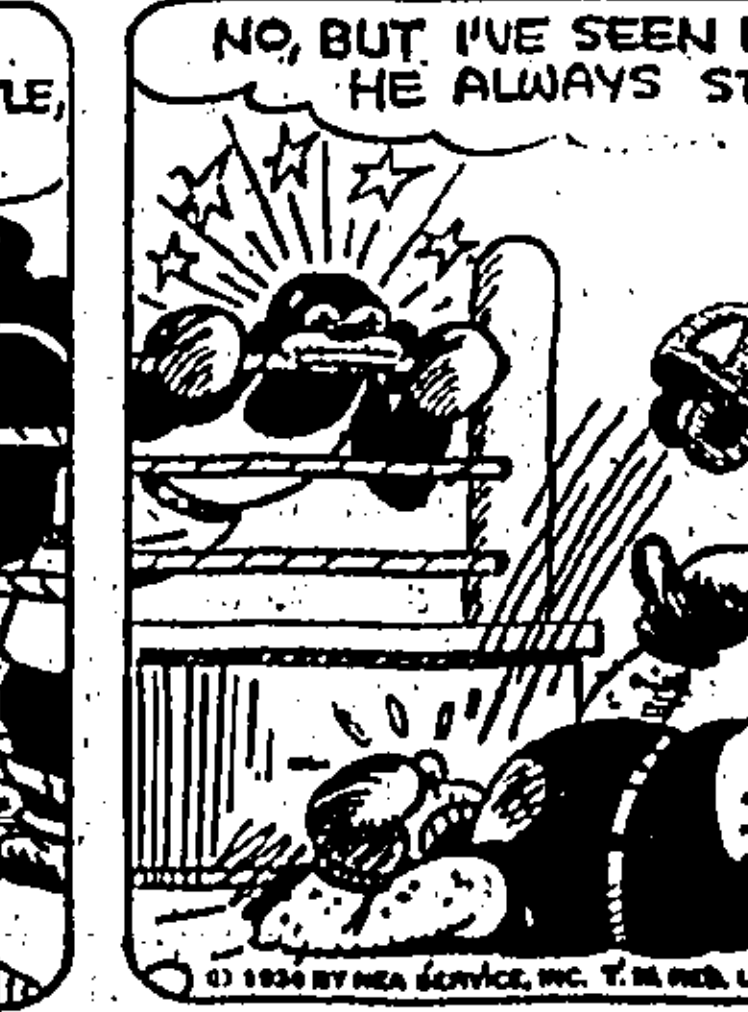
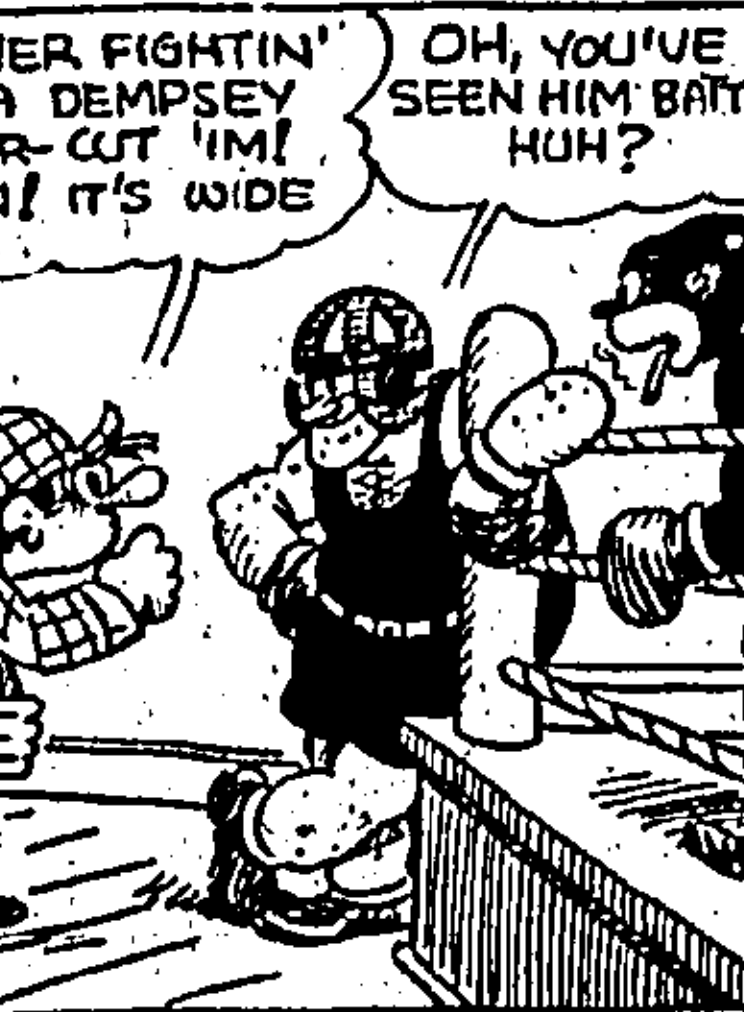
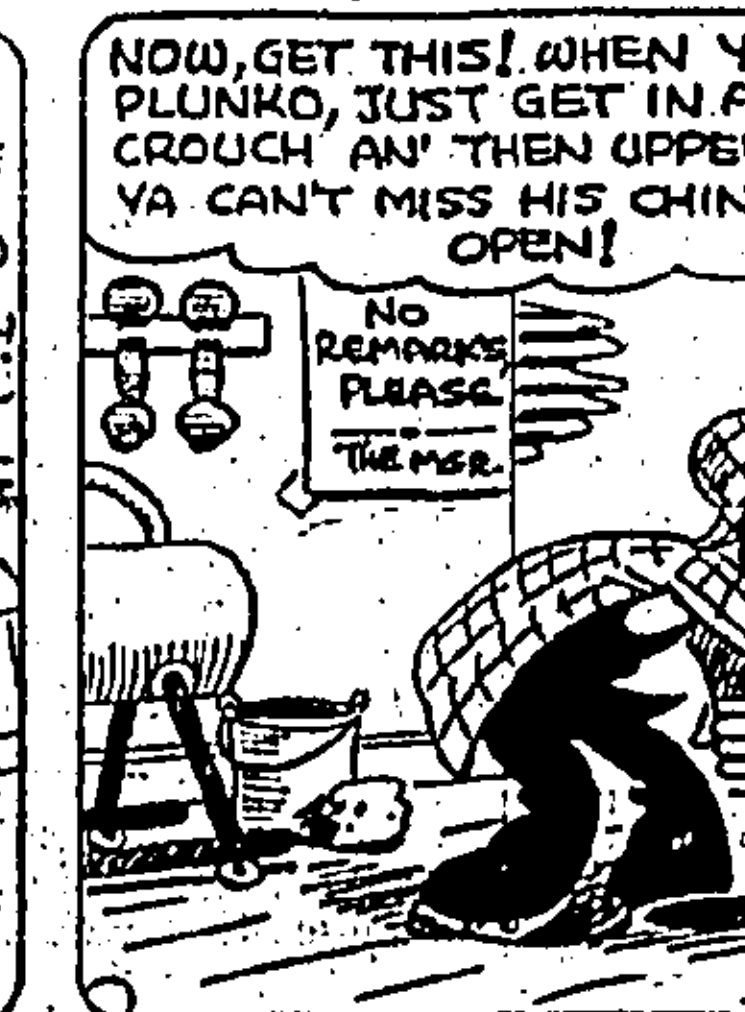
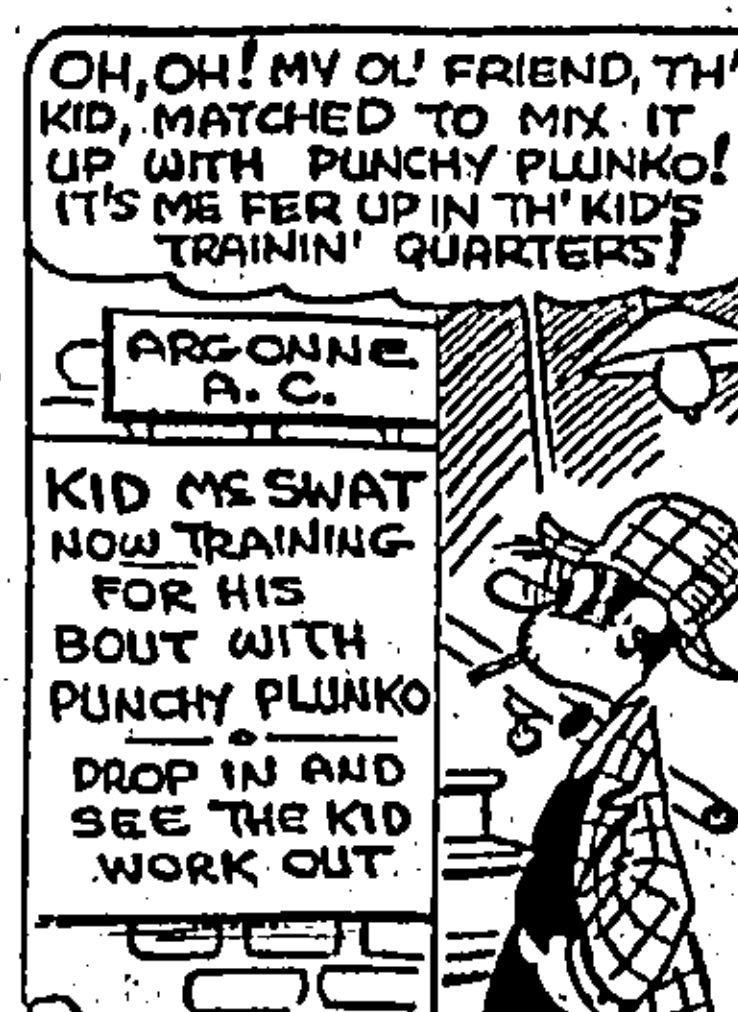
refused to make a statement when interviewed by newspapermen.

Senator Hawes, who is the co-author of the Hawes-Cutting Independence Bill, said that he was going to Manila to give what assistance he could in connection with drafting the new Constitution of the Philippines.

Chinese officials, representing Mayor Wu Tsh-chun, visited the Coolidge to extend a greeting to the President of the Philippines Senate.—Reuter.

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WHAT MAKES THAT "BEST SELLER?"

By CECIL HUNT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury's humorous reference in a recent speech to the best-sellers that, given dictatorial powers, he would burn because they "lowered the standard of literature," adds interest to this survey of books which have been sensational—and unpredicted—successes. A best-seller is one of the wonders of the world; its formula almost as elusive as the elixir of life itself.

Picking winners on the course is child's play compared with forecasting best-sellers. The favourites invariably fail; often they do not even start. Outsiders make incredible paces—and such outsiders!

Some years ago a reputable firm decided that in this publishing gamble there must be a system somewhere. They set out deliberately to find the four best selling authors of the day. They had their most popular works analysed by experts, who sifted out all the ingredients that had achieved success.

They pooled the four results and commissioned a competent novelist to write a book which embodied all these apparent assets. He did it well; the firm were delighted. They advertised the book as best-seller extensively. It was a complete "top."

Sales can never be the only criterion. There is always the psychological aspect, the effect the book has upon the masses, the place it wins in people's lives and conversation.

TIMES CHANGE

Nowadays, when authors are no longer called upon to part with the copyright of best-sellers for £20—as Charlotte M. Yonge did with "The Hilarious of Redcliffe"—it is possible roughly to link that definite mass impression with a certain sales figure—say, 100,000.

Some best-sellers, one might say, are predestined. The author's fame or the unpremeditated topicality of the theme ensure attention. Others fall flat from the press and suddenly leap to huge sales several months after.

But these recognisable influences do not account for a tithe of the successes of a century, and it is no doubt the very eccentricity of the records that has prompted Mr. Desmond Flower to collect for the National Book Council data concerning the best-sellers of the last century.

His findings must give some misgiving. They accuse us of preferences we would gladly forget. At times they flatter us with most excellent judgment, and at others they suggest we are fickle to the point of craziness. They imply that at one time we want sickly sentiment, at another political satire; now sex, now spiritual epics. They reveal, if we look honestly, how few best-sellers survive the test of time.

Let us examine some of his later selections. "Little Lord Fauntleroy," first published in America, is prominent—a period novel with a vengeance, and how few could

name the author nowadays? Mrs. Humphry Ward's "Robert Elton" sold 10,000 a month for many moons. Jerome, when he wrote "Three Men in a Boat," was described as having perhaps the best name of all in the book shops, after Shakespeare's.

"The Mystery of a Hansom Cab," a phenomenal detective seller, first published in Australia, is soon followed by the evergreen Sherlock Holmes. So far the percentage of real survival is not considerable. I cannot imagine that Sarah Grand's "Heavenly Twins" still sells in quantity. Meredith at the time a publisher's reader, advised its rejection.

From that to the "Sorrows of Satan" by Marie Corelli is a far cry, but in between is placed a volume of enduring fame, Kipling's "Jungle Book." Not much conclusiveness about this selection—and the addition of Barrie, du Maurier, and Hall Caine scarcely clarifies the issue.

5,000,000 COPIES

Victoria Cross must be mentioned. Over 5,000,000 copies of her "Anna Lombard" have been sold. I imagine Lucas Malet's "Richard Calmady" will endure much longer in readers' memories than in publishers' lists. Hornung, of "Amateur Cracksmen" fame, is dated, but A. E. W. Mason, O. Henry, and P. G. Wodehouse, are still top-liners.

One phenomenal seller Mr. Flower rightly mentions is "The Dop Doctor." It was a Boer War story which brought the author, "Richard Dehan," a letter from, and subsequent friendship with, Lady Baden-Powell. She wrote first congratulating the author on her deep insight into "B.P.'s" character. The author had never even met him!

As Miss "Clo" Graves, of course, she was already well known, and I remember sitting in her Sussex retreat where birds flew in and out of her room, and hearing of how, a week after the book was published, she was chatting with a friendly bookseller who admired her work. In reply to her inquiry as to whether anything was selling, the man replied: "Only 'The Dop Doctor'—by some interloper!"

Skipping a few years, could any two books be more contrasting than Anita Loos's "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," A. S. M. Hutchinson's "If Winter Comes," and Feuchtwanger's "Jew Suss"? The latter is more interesting to the publisher. I believe it subscribed only a few dozen copies in this country. Subscriptions are pre-



Tens of thousands of Japanese welcomed Babe Ruth to Tokyo with a frenzy of enthusiasm that sports celebrities seldom have encountered anywhere in the world. The milling mob swarmed in the streets, surrounded his car and practically brought it to a standstill. Babe is shown at right, vociferously greeting his welcome with shouts and waving hand in reply to their "Banzai!"

publication orders by the trade.

"JEW SUSS"

After all, why should "Jew Suss" sell? It was by a German practically unknown in this country, and both author and book had names difficult to pronounce. These small points have considerable bearing upon the psychology of selling. It was incredibly long, foreign in setting and it looked heavy and forbidding. The trade was right in being scared of it; the public was right in discerning an eminently worthy best-seller.

"All Quiet on the Western Front" made most modern records look childish, but I doubt its endurance beyond the Great War generations. It is possible that the moving humanity of Doepfing's "Sorrell and Son," equally a "timely" novel, will outlast it.

"All Quiet" apart, Priestley's "Good Companions" holds most post-war records, but I would give the greater expectation of life to his "English Journey."

Clearly best-seller ability is as elusive as genius, but by no means synonymous with it. There are many books even the broadest brow would be glad to forget, but book buyers have had their triumphs. Any nation that can make "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" a best-seller is an asset to literature. But by the same tokens it is completely incomprehensible. Still, who would "make a book" without a risk? Not publishers, surely, nor even real authors. To them it is the precious life-blood of the game.

Woman Driver's Negligence

FATALLY INJURED PEDESTRIAN

LOOKED AT VICTIM AND DROVE ON

An allegation that a woman motorist, aged 78, who knocked another woman down, got out of her motor-car, looked at her, and drove on, was made at an inquest at Paddington recently concerning the death of Miss Charlotte Beatrice Spalding, 77, of Gordon Place, Kensington.

The motorist was Mrs. Mabel Constance Gausson, a widow, of Howlands, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, and it was stated she was following another car in Brunswick

Gardens, Kensington, when the accident occurred. The first car was turning into Vicarage Gate and it obstructed her view of Miss Spalding. She was crossing the road and Mrs. Gausson's car knocked her down.

Mrs. Gausson's speed was alleged to have been 30 miles an hour, and it was said that after getting out and looking at the injured woman, she got back into her car and drove on, until she was stopped by the driver of the first car.

Police Constable Reeve said that when he informed Mrs. Gausson that she had committed a very serious offence in driving away, she said: "I had a very important engagement for lunch. I thought I would cancel it and come back later."

"SILLY" SUGGESTION

Mrs. Gausson, an alert woman for her years, was cautioned by



Official celebration of the recent Government victories against the Kuo in Kiangsi and Fukien were carried out by public bodies in Shanghai who arranged a series of events. Our picture shows a portion of the motor car procession, which, decorated with flags and slogans, wound its way through the native city.

he Coroner (Mr. Ingleby Oddie) before giving evidence. She said it was "silly" to suggest she was going at 30 miles an hour, she put it at 15 or 20 miles. The woman suddenly came right in front of her car and she had no chance to avoid her. She pulled up in 10 yards. She intended returning after she had been to a house near by.

The Coroner said he had frequently observed that it would be a good thing if overtaking at pedestrian crossing-places were prohibited. Had it been, this woman would not have lost her life.

The jury returned a verdict that the woman died from injuries received when she was knocked down by a motor-car driven negligently by Mrs. Gausson, but that the

TOWER OF TRAGEDY

Paris, Dec. 10.

Whatever his enemies thought of the late Field Marshal von Hindenburg, the Eiffel tower was dignified the day after his death and dropped a long black banner in the breeze until sunset. The man who took the tricolour down and put the universal emblem up is Eugene Marcel, chief mechanic of the tower and last survivor of the 99 technicians who directed its erection in 1887. He then had but a minor job, as he was only 14 years old.

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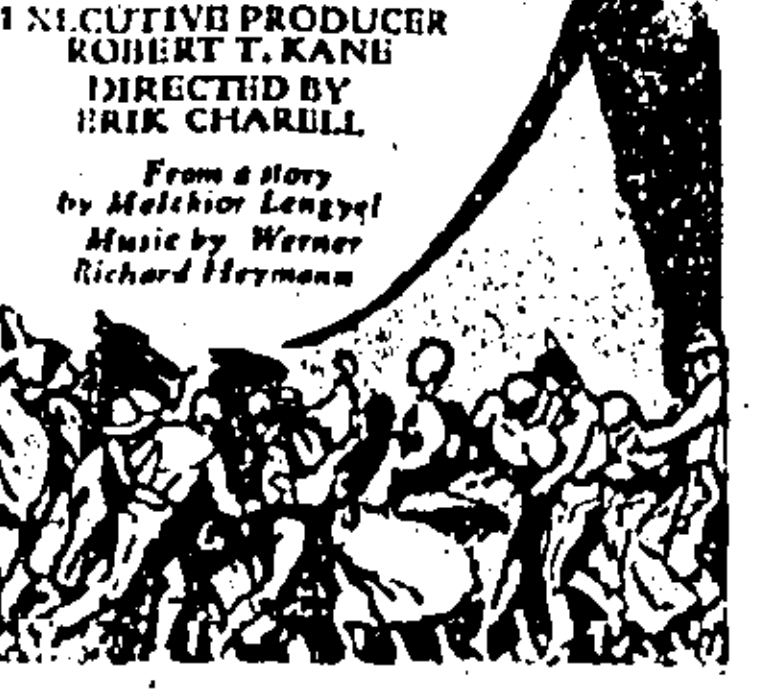
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London, Dec. 18.

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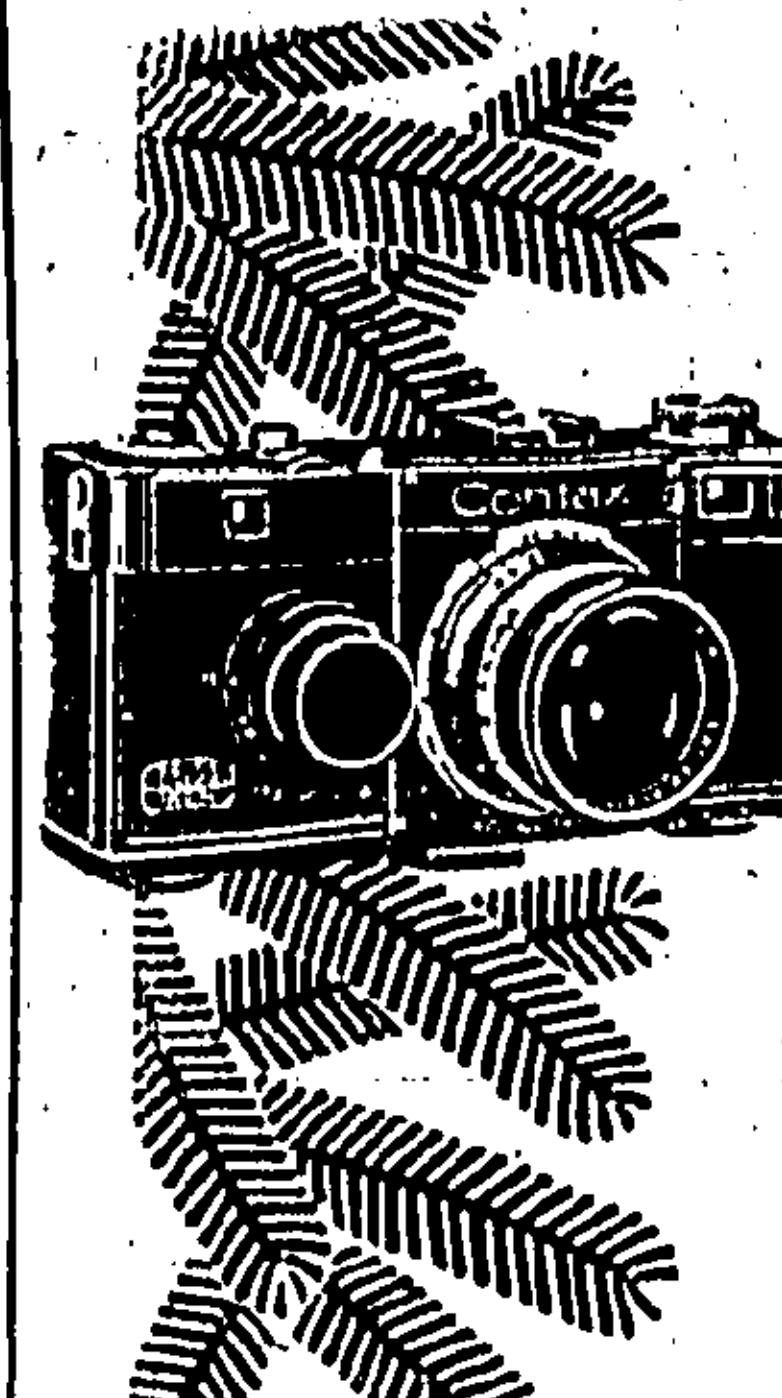
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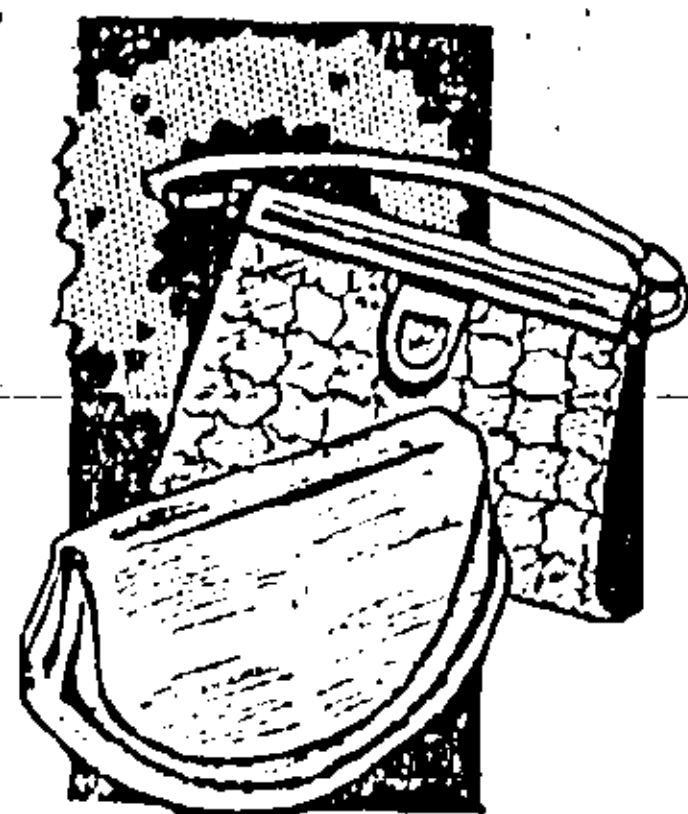
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SANITARY BOARD QUESTIONS

HILLSIDE MATSHEDS AT WANCHAI GAP

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday in the boardroom with Mr. W. J. Carrie, the President, in the chair. Others present were the Hon. Mr. E. M. Henderson, Vice-President, Mr. N. L. Smith, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Dr. G. W. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Dr. H. A. de Castro Baato, Mr. C. D. Roe, secretary, and Mr. Im King-tseung, assistant secretary.

Wanchai Gap Structures

Mr. Hall asked for information as to:

(a).—The number of matted sheds and other similar structures situated on the northern hillside at Wanchai Gap?

(b).—The purposes for which, and by whom, such structures have been erected?

(c).—Whether the structures serve a necessary purpose, and, if so, whether they cannot be replaced by more permanent and less unsightly buildings?

(d).—Whether any of the structures are utilised for the purpose of living quarters by workmen or others, and if so, how many such persons are accommodated therein?

(e).—What Sanitary arrangements, if any, are provided or are available for the occupants of such structures?

Mr. Carrie said he was indebted to the Hon. Director of Public Works for the facts in the following replies:

(a).—The number is twelve.

(b).—There are four groups of matted sheds and they were erected by the Public Works Department, the Tai To Construction Company, the Man On Company and the Tak Sing Company respectively.

Sanitary Arrangements

One matted house, two road ranges of 16 to 20 men, and to this are attached two kitchens, one wood store and one latrine; one matted house 45 to 50 workmen engaged in widening Middle Gap Road and to this are attached two kitchens and one latrine; one matted house, 25 workmen engaged in the construction of a private residence on Middle Gap Road and to this are attached one kitchen and one latrine. One kitchen, one store and one latrine are used by workmen employed in the construction of a private residence on Mt. Cameron Road; there is no habitation in this group.

There is one illegal hut, a small shed inhabited by one person; steps are already being taken to have it removed.

(c).—Except for the illegal hut referred to, these sheds serve a useful purpose; I am not prepared to say it is an absolutely necessary purpose.

Road gang matted sheds are gradually being replaced by more permanent structures.

The second, third and fourth groups of sheds are used in the execution of works in progress the carrying out of which is of such duration that the erection of more permanent sheds would be uneconomical.

Questions (d) and (e) have been answered in the replies already given.

A Wrong Impression

The President then moved, "that the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to investigate the matter of the sale of fruit other than in markets, as modified by my minute of December 4, 1934, be adopted."

Mr. M. K. Lo said he had two amendments to move in connection with the report. The first was that paragraph one of the report seemed to him to convey rather a wrong impression to the public because it read:

"shops selling fruit should be licensed." Any people reading that would think that shops selling fruit should henceforth be duly licensed, whereas he understood that all such shops were already licensed or had been licensed under existing law and practice. He therefore moved that his words, "shops selling fruit should be licensed" be deleted.

The second amendment, said Mr. Lo, was that paragraph nine of the report, which referred to the sleeping accommodation which must be separated from the business premises by a separate structure, was of hardship if this clause were included, and many petitions had already been received on the matter.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin seconded Mr. Lo.

Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, as a member of the special committee in question, said he had no objection to the second amendment, and concurred with Mr. Lo's remarks.

Mr. Carrie accordingly moved the adoption of the amended report, and this was unanimously carried.

The President also announced that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Thursday, January 3, as January 1 was a holiday.

SEARCH FOR SPIES

JAPANESE PHOTOGRAPHERS SUSPECT IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, Dec. 18.

The police to-day visited several Japanese photographic studios, where they confiscated a number of negatives and prints. It is understood that the searches were fruitless.—Reuter.

A dog, apparently mad, was destroyed and thrown into the sea by villagers at Hing Hau on Monday following the killing of a woman named, Shum Tim-tai, who was conveyed to the Kowloon Hospital by a police launch.

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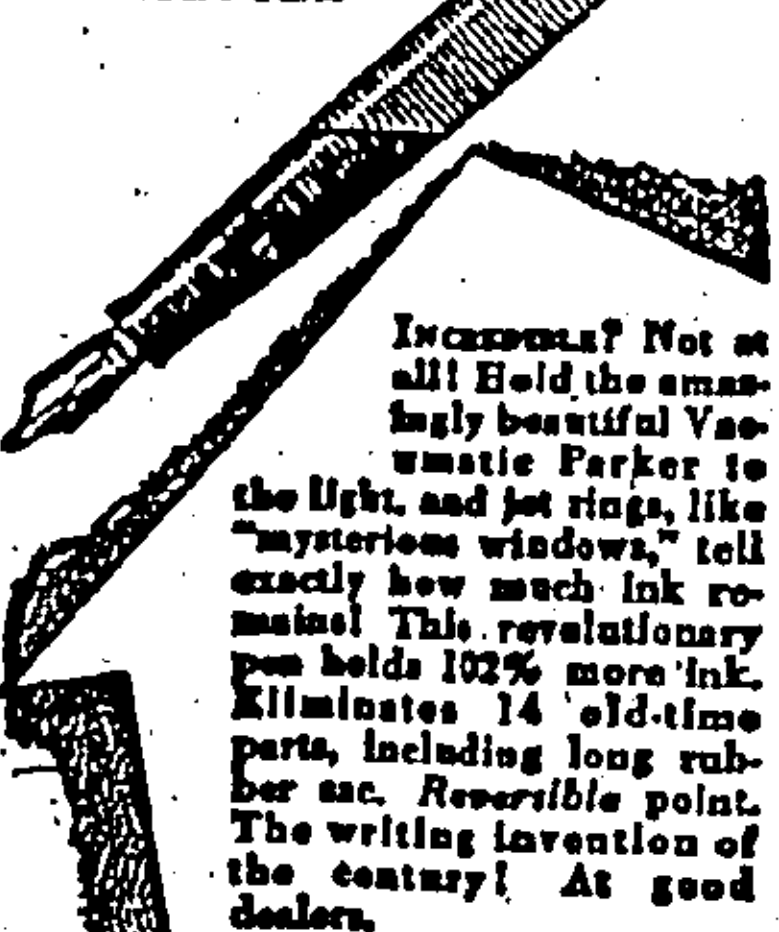
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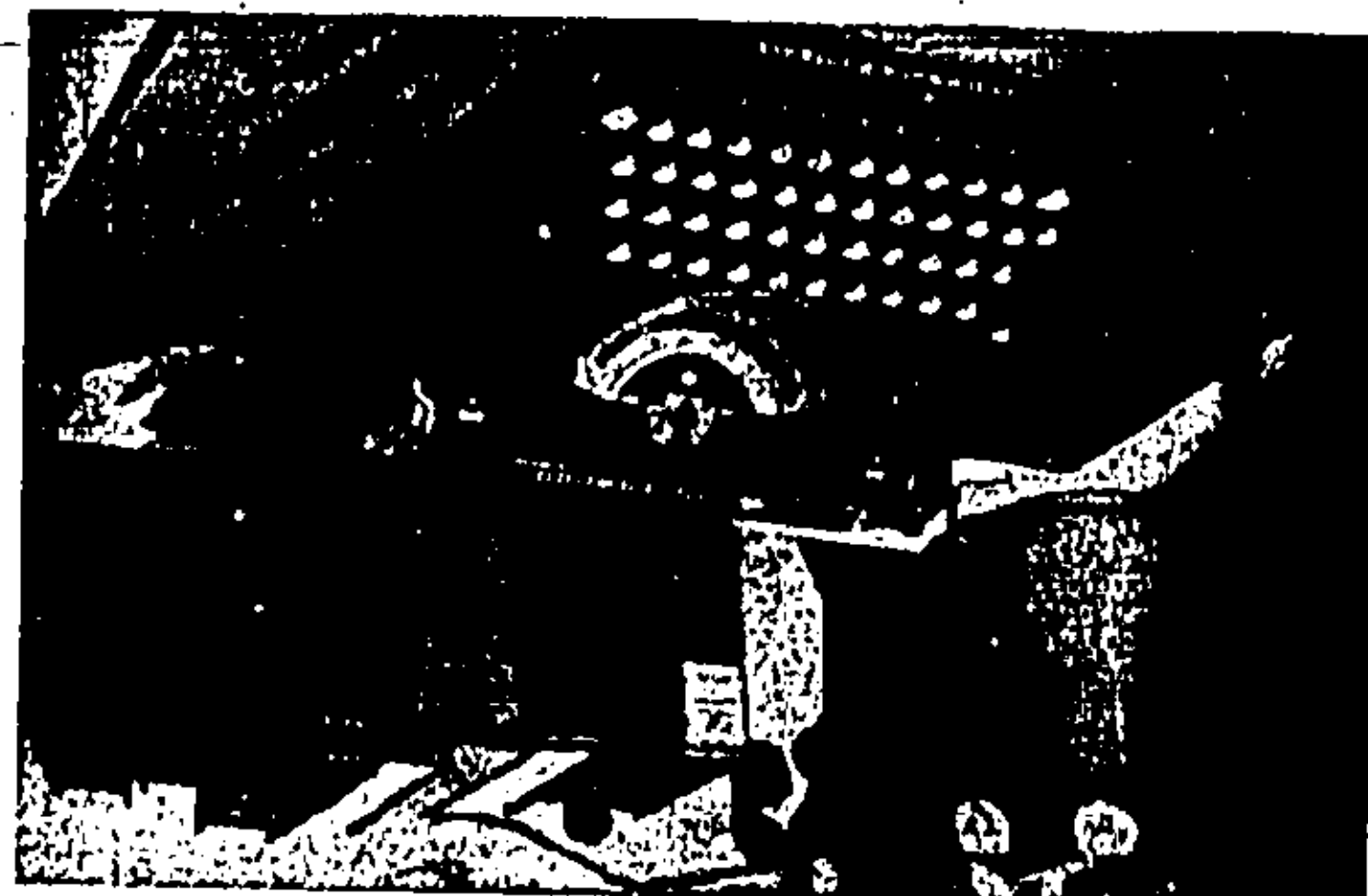
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19, 1934.

A VITAL BALLOT

Despite the fact that there is a reluctance in some quarters to approve of the Peace Ballot which is being conducted in England with a view to ascertaining what the public thinks on questions aimed at the prevention of war, strong hopes are entertained that the outcome will be such a strong expression of popular opinion that the Government will be forced to take notice of it. There are five simply-phrased questions in the ballot, and one to which special attention is being directed is whether if one nation attacks another, other nations should combine to compel it to stop by means of (a) economic and non-military measures, or (b), if necessary, by military action. In effect, this is merely asking the public to state whether it approves of the use of existing machinery, devised by the League of Nations, but never yet brought into force, for dealing with unjustified aggression. When the question is dispassionately viewed, it must be conceded that the drive towards war can only be checked in one way. The alternative of international anarchy is the collective system established by the Covenant of the League of Nations and the Briand-Kellogg Pact. This not only outlaws war and provides for all-round disarmament, but furnishes machinery for the pacific settlement of all international disputes. Moreover, it enjoins common action for the restraint of aggression. The urgent need of the present time is to re-establish general confidence that the principles of this collective system will be observed and carried out by Governments and peoples in their relations with one another. Nothing is more likely to contribute powerfully towards this end than a definite demonstration that the British people, having considered and faced the issue, had consciously and deliberately decided against the old system of alliances, competition in war preparation, profiteering in armaments, and international anarchy, and were determined to insist on Government adherence to these principles. The questions contained in the peace ballot raise in a simple and practical form the fundamental principles of a constructive peace policy, in which everyone has a vital interest. Nearly forty important national organisations of the most varied character are

NOTES OF THE DAY

BUYING PROSPERITY

There may be some things money cannot buy, but five members of the United States Cabinet and a good number of advisers of one sort and another, believe that the country can purchase prosperity at the trifling cost of U.S.\$105,000,000, or £21,000,000,000. The proposal, according to reports from New York, is that the United States, through a vast programme of public works expenditure spread over a period of twenty-five years, shall put every able-bodied man in every state in the Union back to work. Such an object everyone will applaud. The difficulty will be raising the necessary dollars from a community which already considers itself over-taxed. Or is it possible that the Cabinet has in mind some reform by which it will draw more money in the federal treasury than the wealth of the nation may be redistributed? There have been hints of a tendency toward a new socialism at Washington; nothing radical, mark you, but a mere modernizing of Marxian methods. This may be the first intimation of the national administration's aim.

FANCY FIGURES

There are some who will smile at the American's tossing about of fantastic figures. But there is nothing very far-fetched in this billion-billion dollar recovery programme. The cost would be stretched over a quarter of a century. America can find the money. The British peoples spent more than one-third as much in less than a quarter that time, but for a different purpose—war. Up to the Spring of 1919 Great Britain and her Dominions had paid £7,500,000,000 into the War account, which is to say they were spending at a rate of approximately £2,000,000,000 a year. American proposals to spend less than £1,000,000,000 a year. Both these figures are in the nature of emergency expenditures and are in addition to the ordinary cost of government, of course, and America would be painfully straitened to meet such a commitment. But, we repeat, it can be done, and it is quite possible that it would be sound economics, and the solution of the American unemployment problem. To some it may sound like a remedy for desperate ills, and while the United States cannot be looked upon as a nation facing bankruptcy and revolution, nevertheless, her condition is such that the Administration may not hesitate to use a desperate remedy.

TALK OF SECESSION

A Western Australian deputation which is now in London has stirred up British Empire problems of consequence. Western Australia's demand to-day, like that of the Confederate States in 1861, is to be allowed to secede from a duly constituted federation. Britain is concerned in two ways. King George V is just as much King of the Australian Federated Commonwealth, which Western Australia wants to leave, as he is of England. He cannot regard with indifference the commonwealth dispute that has arisen. The British Parliament comes in because it passed the Constitutional Act of 1900 which created this commonwealth. The Western Australian deputation has arrived at an awkward moment for the British Government. This is because that authority is trying just now to persuade its subjects to agree to set up in India a federation comparable to that which Western Australia says has failed in its own case. The British Government might like, in these circumstances, to tell the Australians to settle their own affairs. But Western Australia has a case that is not easily dismissed. It claims to be legally entitled to a hearing in England on the ground that as matters stand the British Parliament is alone competent to change the constitution of the Australian Commonwealth. Some legal authorities hold that this competence would be transferred to the Australian Parliament at Canberra if Australia ratified—as it has not yet done—what is known as the Statute of Westminster, an act passed by the British Parliament in 1931 to implement its declared intention of giving complete independence to such federations as that created by the Act of 1900. But it is not expected that a way out will be found by Australia's agreeing to such ratification now.

co-operating in the work involved in the ballot, which, incidentally, has received the warm endorsement of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, of the President of the National Free Church Council, of the Chief Rabbi, and of virtually every other religious leader, to say nothing of prominent public men in all spheres of life. The result of the ballot will be awaited everywhere with the keenest interest and concern, and it will assuredly represent a most valued expression of what the public thinks on the biggest problem of the day.

WORLD'S WEIRD WEDDING SUPERSTITIONS

By HELEN SIMPSON

Few brides or bridegrooms approach the wedding ceremony completely free from the superstitions which in the course of centuries have gathered round marriage. Many of them date from great antiquity. My small daughter said to me the other day, turning my wedding ring round and round: "But why do you only wear it on this finger?" I gave her the answer my mother gave me to the same question, and which has been given thus for a couple of thousand years. People thought that a vein ran from the third finger direct to the heart, and thus heart and hand were both embraced by the ring. An old writer says that the thumb is too busy, the little finger not sufficiently honourable, the forefinger too little protected, the middle finger is used for scratching; therefore the third finger bears the ring.

Why wear a ring at all? Because, without beginning or ending, it is the symbol of eternity and so of married love. To lose it is, for a woman, horribly unlucky, since it means losing at the same time her husband's affection; to break it means death. But as for wearing thin, there is a pretty proverb of Queen Elizabeth's day which I hope is true, for it tells us:

As your ring wears
So pass your cares.

These ring questions started another train of thought in my head. Where do our white ribbons and favours come from; why do we have them at all? And why that old shoe which even the most vigilant departing bridegroom cannot always prevent being hung at the back of his car? The favours are easy to interpret; their colour signifies virginity, and the true lovers' knots are tied to recall the knot in which Roman brides tied their girdles.

As for the shoe, it is an old custom twisted. Once, a long while ago, the bridegroom's shoe was laid on the bride's head as a sign that she should be subject to him, and then thrown to be scrambled for by the guests. The boy or girl who caught it would be married within the year. In Yorkshire they used, once, to pelt the bride and bridegroom with old shoes, an uncomfortable custom. History does not relate if the shoes were picked up afterwards and kept for luck, but probably, having touched the married pair, they retained something of wedded happiness.

Now for that most popular superstition of all: Marry in May. You rue the day. That is left over from Roman times. In May were held in Rome the great feasts of the dead, and I suppose it went against ordinary good feeling to rejoice at such a time.

A good many English people will not be married on a Friday, just as sailors do not care to set out to sea on that day; yet in Scotland it is, or was, a favourite day for weddings. The English proverb says that a Friday moon brings foul weather, and, taking this with that best known saying of all:

Happy the bride the sun shines on

we may suppose that the English are trying to give their brides a chance of sun.

How can they reconcile this with the notion, very widely held, that it is lucky for a bride to cry at her wedding? In the Tyrol they go so far as to have a special handkerchief ready, blessed for the purpose. I believe that this comes from the days when a belief in witchcraft included the certainty that no witch could weep more than three tears, and those from her left eye.

A fearful bride, though her appearance might suffer did at least afford her husband proof that she was not in league with Satan. From that period and earlier, from a time when even in church men had to be prepared against sudden danger, comes the custom of the bride standing at her husband's left hand, and taking his left arm as she goes down the church from the altar. His right, the sword hand, was thus left free to defend her. I came across a new superstition that other day. Bubbles in water or tea, said my informant, mean kisses when a married woman pours out. Does this explain the astonishing popularity of champagne at wedding? I recommend soda water to the teetotal bride.

Once in a bride's bouquet I found, tucked away among the orange blossom, a sprig of rosemary. I asked her about it; she laughed and would not answer, and for a long time I could find nobody who knew what its significance might be. At last an old lady in a cottage enlightened me. "Why," said she, "where rosemary grows thick, the woman wears the breeches." I wonder if the husband of that bride understood the omen of her sweet-scented bouquet?

There is a legend not very different from this in Cornwall, concerning the Well of St. Keyne. Whichever one of the pair first drank its waters, said tradition, should reign in the house. I was told of a bridegroom once, who ungloriously left his wife at the church door and legged it for the well.

She watched unmoved, and when her relatives urged her to join the race took from her bosom a tiny bottle of the water of St. Keyne which she had brought with her to church, and drank it at her ease while he panted out of sight. She deserved, it seems to me, to order that household.

There is no end to the superstitions in regard to marriage. The fact is, it is one of those events in which nobody can help being interested. It is difficult, always, to put such excitement or such interest into words; and so we put it into deeds. It is easier to throw an old shoe than to say good-bye face to face. It is pleasant to think that sunshine will bring happiness, or that by the single expedient of refusing to be married in May bliss must ensue. Who knows? The will to be happy is much; and if these small symbolic actions serve to strengthen that will, then there is still something to be said for their continuance.

The Very Idea!

A HEART CRY

By George

DEAR George, I am writing to appeal to you to give us the rest of the serial of the Pirates of Bias Bay which you began in your column a fortnight ago.

Our Hilda says that you left Gladys on an empty barrel of samshu but Tommy says that she was just going to behead a taipan in shorts and top hat.

For myself I never read your rotten column but as one gentleman to another I appeal to you to put us out of the suspense which is threatening to cause a break in our family.

We have never had such trouble in our home since Hilda caught measles and Tommy had to go to school while she stayed at home.

Yours, etc.
Hamstrung Husband.
P.S. If you are tied up for the next movement my wife suggests that you put some clothes on the taipan and make him marry Gladys who then returns home to the Colony and lives happy ever after on the mild level.

In response to this heart-rending cry from the pen of an admirer, we are obliged to take up our cutlases again to howl a way through the enigma of the Hollywood Girl Turned Pirate.

Chapter 6

As the taipan turned the corner and came upon us sitting on the barrel of samshu he seemed to become conscious of his grotesque attire.

After all shorts and a top hat are not in the best taste at Bias Bay this season where the fashions of Swatow and Amoy are beginning to have their effect on the Pirate mode.

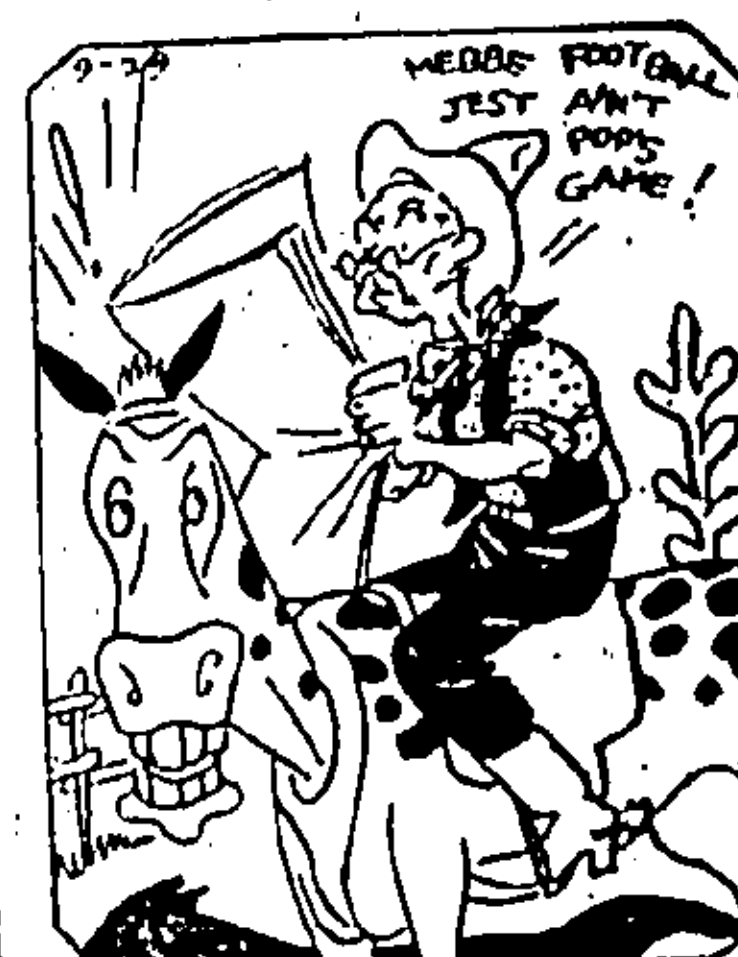
"Hallo, Theo!" called Gladys, cracking her knees as she rose. Theo flushed and fled, and no blunders could recall him until he had raked out an old and faded school tie with which to cover up his nudity. Then, as Gladys gave orders for a sampan to be got ready immediately.

(Don't miss the end of this serial which is beginning to get out of hand. Shall we marry Gladys herself or leave her to Theo? Anyway what would he do with a girl like that? There will be action and romance, love and hate in our next soul shattering instalment so watch out!)

DUMB-BELLES LETTRES

By Juliet Lovell

The Nerve Of Some People



I have been reading in the papers about your game with the Trojans.

Pop Warner, Football Coach Stanford University. I am an old rancher and I have always been a great admirer of Herbert Hoover, Stanford and Pop Warner. I have never seen a football game and don't know anything about it but I have been reading in the San Francisco papers about your game with the Trojans and I have come to the conclusion that you do not understand the game. Since we all learn by our experience I suggest that you make a thorough and intensive study of football.

Yours truly
Leonard Stop.
(Signed)

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Dec. 1, 1934.

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Yours truly,
Crisanto D. Cosme.
(Signed)



"It's only 12 o'clock. I don't see why we always have to be the first to go home."

MORE TROUBLE IN SAAR

HEAD OF POLICE RESIGNS

Saarbrücken, Dec. 18. Major Hemmley, a British officer, head of the International Police Force under the control of the Saar Governing Commission, has resigned from his post following some differences with his superiors.

No precise reason is given for the resignation, and it is not thought that it has anything to do with the episode of Saturday when a British officer, Capt. Justice, also on the Saar Police Force, was attacked by a crowd and severely beaten.—*Reuter*.

(Special to "Telegraph") SUCCESSOR NAMED

Saarbrücken, Dec. 18. Major Hemmley, who is on the personal staff of the Chairman of the Saar Governing Commission (Mr. Knox) will succeed Major Hemmley.

Major Hemmley, it is now quite clear, was not asked to resign. He chose this means of relieving the Governing Commission of any embarrassment resulting from publicity surrounding the recent events here, and so that there could be no reflection whatever on the Saar Police Force.—*Reuter Special*.

BRAZIL'S DEBTS

BRITAIN WATCHING POSITION

London, Dec. 18. In reply to a Parliamentary question, Mr. Anthony Eden stated that the exchange position in Brazil had been the subject of special study, and representations were being addressed to the Brazilian Government with a view to ensuring that British interests should not receive less favourable treatment than those of other countries.

He added that the existing arrangement for partial service of the Brazilian external debt covered four years from April 1 last. It therefore appeared improbable that the exchange regulations recently introduced in Brazil would exercise any immediate effects on the interests of British bondholders.—*British Wireless*.

HEIRESS MUST LEAVE MOTHER

STAY OF EXECUTION REFUSED

New York, Dec. 18. The Appellate Court denied Mrs. Gloria Vanderbilt's motion for a stay of execution of the ruling regarding the custody of her little daughter, who was given into the care of Mrs. Payne Whitney, her aunt, except for week-ends and designated holidays.

The Appellate Court held, however, that the child may spend Christmas Day with her mother, but only if her aunt consents.

The child, named for her mother, is the heiress to a \$1,000,000 fortune left by her father.—*Reuter*.

VAST ITALIAN RECLAMATION

NEW PROVINCE IN ONE-TIME SWAMP

Rome, Dec. 18. Premier Mussolini, in a broadcast address to-day, inaugurated the new Italian province of Littorio, composed mainly of lands reclaimed from the Pontine Marshes.

Premier Mussolini said that it would take another ten years to complete the work of reclamation.

In order that the gigantic task should not be interrupted, the Italian nation must have great strength of arms, he declared.—*Reuter*.

BRITISH FINANCES

LATEST EXCHEQUER RETURNS

London, Dec. 18. Exchequer returns for the past week show that during the current financial year the total ordinary revenue, exclusive of self-balancing revenue amounted at December 15 to £393,863,147, which is £2,989,255 less than the amount collected at the corresponding date last year.

Expenditure for the same period, exclusive of self-balancing items, was £504,906,618, which exceeds the amount expended at the corresponding date last year by £11,828,844.—*British Wireless*.

LOOKING ROUND THE STORES

SPECIAL BUYERS' GUIDE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

The Christmas display at Sincere's is once again most comprehensive, the most colourful section being "Santaland" on the Roof Garden, where Santa Claus is to be found enthroned amongst a profusion of toys and novelties.

A model mechanical man who can reply to any question put to him is another source of attraction, and children may tell him of their Christmas wishes and be assured that he will reply as they wish him to. A picturesque scene from "Mickey Mouse in Giantland" will also create amusement and add to the fun of visitors, while a company of some twenty juvenile acrobats will give frequent performances.

Throughout the departments of the main establishment there are many signs that everything has been done to cope with the Gift Giving Season, and in all cases, prices are lower on account of the improvement in the local dollar.

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Anyone looking for a Christmas gift of both permanence and charm could not do better than visit S. Moutrie & Co., Ltd., in Chater Road, who specialise in products suitable for every member of the family, both young and old. Music and musical goods solve the problem of "what to give," and Moutrie's offer a wide selection of suitable presents. These include:

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They also stock every type of stringed instrument with a wide range of mandolins, guitars, banjos, Hawaiian guitars, etc., and other attractive gifts will be found in their music department, where they offer well-bound and carefully-edited collections of pianoforte and vocal works selected from the catalogues of the leading publishers of Europe and America.

For well over 60 years, Moutrie's have been manufacturers of pianos and organs, and the models on display in their showrooms are well worthy of inspection. These are offered on the easiest of terms; quite a modest sum ensures delivery in your home, the balance being budgeted to suit individual requirements.

During the Christmas season, Moutrie's are offering a number of modern wireless sets at reduced prices, and, as a further concession to their customers, are providing a receiving licence with each set sold during December.

VILLAGERS' DIN FOILS RAIDERS

(Continued from Page 1.)

her hut where they remained for some 15 minutes, searching for valuables, until disturbed by police whistles.

At about this time, the Village Elder, whose suspicions were aroused by the unusual noise, came out from his house, and saw one of the raiders apparently keeping a sharp look-out whilst his companions were engaged in ransacking the woman's hut. This man then gave an alarm which caused the others to run away.

SHOTS FIRED

The raiders fired three or four shots from small arms with apparently no other aim than to deter the villagers from following as they ran down the road.

Later investigations would appear to show that the band doubled back on its tracks, and went to Wong Chang creek, from which point they took a boat and escaped into Chinese territory.

The woman victimised reports that her loss in money and clothing amounted to over \$30. Her husband was away at his work in Hongkong, and the only other inmate in the hut at the time, was her 8-year-old stepson.

BIG LOSS FOR MERCHANT

NEARLY \$24,000 STOLEN

A heavy loss by theft, stated to amount to nearly \$24,000, has been suffered by the Yuen Hing Fong Kie, Fukien merchants, of 8 Des Voeux Road West, according to a report officially made to the police yesterday morning.

Police investigators were shown a safe on the second floor which apparently had been opened with a key abstracted from the pocket of a coat worn by the proprietor.

The discovery was made yesterday morning when the proprietor woke up to find the door of the safe open, and the large sum, which comprised over thirty \$500 bills, and notes of other denominations, abstracted.

RUMANIA DEBTS TO BRITAIN

SPEEDY PAYMENT URGED

London, Dec. 18. The question of trade debts due by Rumania to the United Kingdom was further discussed between the President of the Board of Trade and Monsieur Manulescu Strunga to-day.

Mr. Runciman emphasised that integral payments of these debts on sterling, within the shortest period possible, is regarded as essential by His Majesty's Government.

M. Manulescu Strunga recognised the justice of the United Kingdom point of view and undertook to consult his Government with a view to the resumption of negotiations early in January.—*British Wireless*.

NANKING CHANGES

MINISTER OF JUSTICE RESIGNS

Nanking, Dec. 18. Messrs. Chu Cheng and Tse Kwun-sung, Minister and Vice-Minister of Justice respectively, have tendered their resignations to the Central Government. It is understood that the Government will accept the resignations.

The post of Minister of Justice is to be offered to Mr. Wang Yung-pai, while the name of the successor for post of Vice-Minister has not yet been mentioned.—*Wah Kin Yat Po*.

Mrs. Bowes-Smith arranged the first concert for the new Cheong Club last night, and it proved a great success. Those taking part were Mrs. Youngusband, Mrs. de Precourt, Miss Margaret King, Mrs. Keith Valentine, Mr. D. M. Richards, Mr. A. V. Sanders, Mr. J. Grimsshaw and Mrs. Bowes-Smith. It is to be hoped that Mrs. Bowes-Smith will arrange more similar concerts in the future.

Members of St. Andrew's Club are reminded that the annual fancy dress dance is being held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall to-morrow evening. The usual novelties associated with Christmas festivities will be introduced during the course of the evening and members and friends who have not attended previous similar functions organised by the Club may be assured of an enjoyable time.

RADIO BROADCAST

Relay of Hongkong Hotel Orchestra

TWO STUDIO ITEMS

From ZBW on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 kilocycles):
4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.
6-6.15 p.m. Children's Studio Concert.
7 p.m. London and New York Stock and Commodity Quotations.
7.05-7.35 p.m. Light Opera.
Selection—A Princess of Kensington (German).
The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.
Vocal Gems—Merrie England (German).
Miriam Licette, Clara Serena, Francis Russell, Dennis Noble, Robert Carr with Chorus and Orchestra.

Selection—The Beggar's Opera (Gay and Austin).
The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.
Vocal Gems—The Belle of New York (Morton).
Columbia Light Opera Company.
7.35-8 p.m. Light Orchestral Selections.
Amorette Tanz—Waltz (Gungli).
Blen Amies—Valse (Waldteufel).
Albert Sandler and his Orchestra.
Le Chaland Qui Passa (Bixio).
Love's Last Word (Cremieux).
Albert Sandler and his Orchestra.
With a Song in my Heart—Symphonic Rhapsody (Eric Coates).
Court Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates.

8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.
8.05-8.35 p.m. From the Studio.
A Recital by Doris Blair (Soprano) and Greta Parkinson (Pianoforte).
Programme:
1. Pianoforte Solo:—
(a) Concert Study in D Major. Last.
2. Songs:—
(a) The Lass with the delicate air. Arno.
(b) A Blackbird Singing. Michael Head.
(c) Love's a Merchant. Molly Carew.
3. Pianoforte Solos:—
(a) Waltz in D Major, Op. 64. No. 1. Chopin.
(b) Nocturne in F sharp Major. Chopin.
(c) Two Studies in G sharp (Study in double 3rd) and in Gb Major (Butterfly Study). Chopin.
4. Songs:—
(a) One Morning very early. Sanderson.
(b) The Willow Song. Coleridge Taylor.
(c) The Cuckoo. Liza Lehmann.
8.45-9.17 p.m. Symphony No. 5 in F Minor, Op. 95 ("The New World"). (Dvorak).
The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.
9.17-9.38 p.m. Jazz Piano Solos by Rolo de Costa.
1. Dancing Butterfly.
2. Waltz Time—Medley.
3. One Minute to one.
4. I had to change the words.
9.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, London, 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations.

9.35-10.30 p.m. Dance Music by the Orchestra of the U.S. President Jefferson.
10.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Mid-day Press News, Further London Stock and Commodity Quotations.
10.35-11 p.m. Old Melodies.
Ellaline Terriss and Seymour Hicks—Medley.
Ellaline Terriss and Seymour Hicks.
A Night with Paul Whiteman at the Biltmore.
Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra.
Melville Gideon—Medley.
Melville Gideon (Baritone).
11 p.m. Close Down.

ZEESON PROGRAMMES
This Evening's Broadcasts From The German Short-Waves
Special programmes for Far Eastern listeners will be broadcast from Zeeson as follows:
SOUTH ASIA ZONE
South Asia Zone, broadcast from DJB, (107.4 metres) and DJN (81.45 metres).
4.45 p.m. DJB, DJN Announcement (German, Engl.) German Folk Song. Programme-Forecast (German, Engl.)
5 p.m. Round about the Hamburg Cathedral: Hamburg's Christmas Fair.
5.30 p.m. News in English.
5.45 p.m. Concerts from German Masters: Violin Concerto by L. van Beethoven, Professor Gustav Havemann.
6 p.m. Sports Review.
6.45 p.m. News in German.
7 p.m. Light Music.
8 p.m. News in English.
8.15 p.m. Close down DJB, DJN (German, Engl.)

EAST ASIA ZONE
East Asia Zone broadcast through DJA on 31.25 metres, and DJN (81.45 metres).
9 p.m. DJA, DJN Announcement (German, Engl.) German Folk Song. Programme-Forecast (German, Engl.)
9.15 p.m. Light Music.
9.30 p.m. Fairy Tale Time.
9.45 p.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.
10 p.m. "Heart and Devil," Selections from the Opera.
10.15 p.m. "Humperdinck."
10.30 p.m. News in German on DJA and DJN.
10.45 p.m. The Russian Quartet.
10.55 p.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.
11.30 p.m. Close down DJA, DJN (German, Engl.)

TO BE LENT OVERSEAS

PICTURES REPRESENTATIVE OF BRITISH ART

London, Dec. 18. The House of Lords to-day passed the first reading of a Government Bill, authorising the lending overseas of pictures representative of British art in the National Gallery.—*Reuter Special*.

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"TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL HOME FOOTBALL SECTION

Football Wealth Not Owned By Shareholders

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT FINANCE

By Frank M. Carruthers

"WHAT," I am asked, "is the value of a £1 share in the Arsenal club?"

Without sentiment or any other consideration entering into the question, its worth is fixed by the fact that it cannot earn a higher rate of interest than 7½ per cent. Possibly at the present time its value is about 30s.

It should be realised, too, that the shares of the Arsenal, despite the wonderful prosperity of the club, are not worth more than those of others who regularly pay their dividends. Even the value of assets do not make any difference.

But I remember the time when the Arsenal tried hard and not very successfully to sell their shares at £1 each. In about 1918 the late Sir Henry Norris prepared a scheme to attract the public to invest in the club.

The Arsenal, however, were not long anxious to sell their shares. They became buyers. The position is the same to-day. I should doubt whether an Arsenal share ever changes hands except privately, and it is the same in the case of all the other leading clubs. There is no open market for football club shares.

How different the situation might have been except for the wonderful foresight of those who built the foundations of the game and laid down the principle that there should be no private or personal gain. But for this wise provision football would long ago have been exploited by the speculator, and if it had been able to withstand the inroads made upon it, would to-day be his El Dorado.

SHOULD BE STUDIED

The financial regulations of football are remarkable. They do not obtain in any other sport or pastime, and I wish those who believe that the League with its professional interests is carried on as a hard-baked business would study them. They would quickly change their view.

As it realised, for instance, that to effect the clubs do not belong even to the shareholders? What money the latter may have invested was simply in support of the game as it might be played on a certain ground and under certain management.

The clubs are national institutions, and as such they are under the direct control of the Football Association.

WORTH £2,000,000

I do not think I exaggerate in estimating the value of the 88 clubs who form the League at over £2,000,000, but if it were possible to realise their assets none of this money, beyond what was necessary to discharge outstanding debts, would be theirs. As a matter of fact, in this sense even the players do not belong to the clubs. Possibly it is to some extent on this account that the playing staffs who may have caused a big outlay in transfer fees, do not appear as assets on balance-sheets.

Imagine that one of the leading clubs for some reason or other closed down and that their assets were disposed of for, say, £100,000. This money would not go to the shareholders. They would receive no more than they had invested, and whatever sum remained, after

OUR FORECAST

For Saturday Programme

The following is the special Telegraph forecast for Saturday. Where teams are marked in heavy type they are expected to win, and where no such indication is given a draw is anticipated.

FIRST DIVISION.

ASTON VILLA	Blackburn
CHELSEA	Middlesbrough
DERBY COUNTY	Arsenal
EVERTON	Birmingham
GLIMSBY	Wednesday
Huddersfield	Stoke
Leicester	Portsmouth
PRESTON N. E.	West Bromwich
SUNDERLAND	Liverpool
Wolves	MANCHESTER C.

SECOND DIVISION.

Barnsley	FULHAM
BOLTON	Blackpool
BRADFORD C.	NOTTS FOREST
BURNLEY	Newcastle
MANCHESTER U.	Plymouth
NOTTS C.	Hull
Oldham	West Ham
POKT VALE	Bradford
SHEFFIELD U.	BRENTFORD
SOUTHAMPTON	Bury
SWANSEA	Norwich

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).

ALDERSHOT	Exeter
BRIGHTON	Millwall
BRISTOL ROVERS	Gillingham
CARDIFF	Bristol City
CHARLTON	Reading
CRYSTAL PALACE	Northampton
Luton	Coventry
QUEEN'S P. R.	Bournemouth
SOUTHEND	Clapton
SWINDON	Newport
TORQUAY	Watford

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).

ACCRINGTON	Barnsley
CHESTER	Tranmere
CREWE	Walsall
DARLINGTON	Cardiff
DONCASTER	Halifax
GATESHEAD	Manchester
HARTLEPOOL	Rotherham
New Brighton	Lincoln
SOUTHPORT	Wrexham
STOCKPORT	Chesterfield
YORK	Rochdale

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

(FIRST DIVISION)

ABERDEEN	Partick
Albion	DUNDEE
CLYDE	Ayr
HAMILTON	Hibernians
HEARTS	Falkirk
KILMARNOCK	Celtic
QUEEN'S PARK	Aldrie
Queen of South	Motherwell
RANGERS	Dunfermline
ST. JOHNSTONE	St. Mirren

KOWLOON GOLF

Starting Times For Lanford Trophy

The Lanford Trophy golf competition is to be played off at the Kowloon Golf Club on Sunday next over 36 holes medal play on handicaps. The draw for starting times is as follows:

9 a.m. D. Parsons, J. D. Thomson.
9.04 J. Rapley, F. E. A. Remedios.
9.08 A. Urquhart, A. A. Lopes.
9.12 H. H. Mundy, W. A. Stewart.
9.16 W. J. Woolley, C. G. Anderson.
9.20 A. Eastman, P. Allsbrook.
9.24 S. Macnider, R. D. da Roza.
9.28 T. Seddon, A. T. Bralley.
9.32 W. Groves, D. Cameron.
9.36 F. Angus, C. E. Terry.
9.40 L. D. Purves, A. J. Dennis.
9.44 H. Vale, W. C. Simpson.
9.48 A. A. Andrews, A. W. da Roza.
9.52 W. Hirst, E. Black.
9.56 R. K. Collings, R. Henderson.
10.00 C. R. Rozen, F. C. Barry.
10.04 J. J. King, J. G. Charlton.
10.08 H. C. Horner, A. J. Coates.
10.12 W. Ahern, J. McCaw.
10.16 E. F. Barnes, A. R. Brown.
Messrs. A. Eastman, R. Henderson and A. J. Dennis will act as Stewards of the course.

Home Soccer Snips

HOW long can a team remain at the peak of their form? The answer to this question settles most championships. Manchester City started as if they were to be the team of the year, but after a brilliant start they have lost their distinction.

SUNDERLAND, on the other hand, have been wonderfully consistent, and at the present time they seem to be playing better than ever. Their secret is that they have got inside forwards and wing halves of the clever, constructive type, with other capable players to fit in with their style.

DONCASTER Rovers have obtained the transfer of Reg Raines, centre forward, of Sheffield United, the fee paid being the highest ever given by Doncaster.

THE Rumanian Football Federation has appointed Peter Farmer, an ex-Celtic (Glasgow) trainer, to be their coach and adviser.

THE Villa are now making steady headway, and the public, I am sure, are eagerly looking forward to the time when they will regain their old power. A general overhaul is now taking place, mainly, perhaps, with a view to increasing the reserve strength. The club are in fact showing more activity than for three or four years.

IN their quest of players, however, they have had the usual experience. Some men they would have liked have not been available, and in all cases the prices asked have been startling.

LEEDS United have signed for £22,000 J. McDougall, who was Sunderland's regular centre half and captain until midway through last season, and was capped for Scotland against Ireland in 1930.

H. Wright, the Charlton Athletic goal-keeper, is in hospital suffering from a fractured rib.

CAMBRIDGE LOSE

Rugger Side Beaten At Edinburgh

London, Dec. 18. Cambridge University XV were defeated by 17 points, nil to-day when they travelled north to play the Edinburgh Academicals—*Reuter*.



G. Keizer, who formerly played for the Arsenal, and now between the sticks in the Ajax (Holland) touring side, in action against Islington F.C., a team the Continentals defeated by 6 goals to nil.

"Wire" Betting System

EXPERIMENT AT FANLING RACES

What is to be known as the "Wire" system of betting is to be introduced at the Fanling Hunt and Race Club's first steeplechase meeting of the season at Kwanti on Sunday afternoon next.

The present separate pari-mutuel tickets on winning and placed ponies are to be discarded and in their place one ticket will be issued for both win and placed ponies. The price of these new tickets will be changed from \$2 to \$5 each.

Dividends will be paid to holders of the tickets on the first three ponies

CRICKET MATCH

Army XI To Meet Royal Navy

The following have been selected to represent the Army in the league match against the Navy to be played on Saturday, December 22, at King's Park, commencing at 2 p.m.—Major V. T. Bonavia, Capt. L. J. Welch, Capt. D. B. Mitchell, Lieut. C. C. Garthwaite, J. P. Williams, J. R. Johnson, H. de B. Pritchard, J. A. N. Rice Evans, C. S. M. T. Elvin, Capt. W. H. Colledge, Capt. D. Ballard, Pte. E. Dewey, (twelfth man).

according to how they are placed. After deducting Government tax and Club Commission there will remain for distribution all monies received in addition to the cost of tickets on the three placed ponies. As at present, holders of winning tickets will be allocated their \$5 before the prize money is divided.

Holders of tickets on the first pony past the post will receive 60 per cent. of the "pool" for division among them, and second placed pony ticket holders will divide 20

Europe Wants To See More F. A. Teams

INTERPRETATION OF RULES DANGER

By Frank M. Carruthers

Informal invitations have been received already by the Football Association to send a team on to the Continent next summer. Scotland have also been asked to visit Austria, and they may do so.

Meanwhile the "Keep out of Europe" movement is gaining in strength. It began before the match with Italy, and of course, what happened at Highbury has given it momentum.

A year ago I pointed to the danger. Before the beginning of this season I again urged the authorities to try to arrive at a common understanding as to how the rules should be interpreted. It was plain that there was bound to be serious trouble unless an attempt was made to reconcile the British with the Continental point of view.

WORK MUST GO ON

For more than 30 years England have striven to make football a game of worldwide interest. Having accomplished so much are they now to abandon their work? Are they to cease to spread the gospel of sport as we understand it and teach moral discipline on the field?

I do not think the authorities will do this simply because their ideals in one game have been ruthlessly shattered.

But the big problem remains, and until it can be settled I think it may be well to leave Europe for a time and to pursue the missionary work elsewhere.

Europe wants to be friendly with this country. There is no doubt about this, and they will do everything possible to put matters right.

In the circumstances I suggest the calling of a round-table conference at which I think a solution of all the difficulties would easily be found.

In my view most of the troubles at Highbury were due to that world championship title which the Italians are pleased to claim. Europe's need is to get back nearer to the days when they crowned their sporting heroes with laurel wreaths instead of decking them with world's championship titles.

JUST CLUMSY

One good feature about the Italians' display was that all their objectionable infringements were of the most obvious description. There was nothing cunning about them. Their fouls were just awkward and clumsy, playing the man instead of the ball. They erred, in our view, simply through failing to realise the difference between right and wrong.

The Football Association have a lot of important work to do. There is the question of refereeing. After their last meeting I was told, "We shall go right to the bottom of the problem; we cannot leave it. We believe, too, that we shall be able greatly to improve the situation."

I understand that at the meeting there was a general discussion, members of the committee each pointing out defects in the present system. Possibly such matters as the two referee plan and goal judges were mentioned informally, but I obtained no information on these points. Certainly no decisions even to try them were taken. As a matter of fact, the details of the whole question were left to a sub-committee to work out, and there at present the matter remains.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

SECOND DIVISION CHANGES

Several changes are notified by the Hongkong Football Association for Saturday and Sunday next.

The Second Division match on Saturday between the Chinese Athletic and Eastern Athletic will be played at Caroline Hill at 2.30 p.m.; and at Soekunpo at the same time on Saturday the Royal Welch Fusiliers second eleven will meet the Kowloon Football Club Juniors.

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OUR "FORM" GUIDE

How Your Team Has Been Faring In League

The following table reveals how each team in the four divisions of the English league have fared to date, the results including their last five more matches up to yesterday.

The first figure in each case, of course, is that of the team concerned.

FIRST DIVISION.					THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).				
Birmingham	3-2	1-0	2-1	1-5	0-4	Aldershot	2-5	0-2	0-0
Derby C.	1-5	1-2	2-4	3-3	5-2	Brighton	2-0	2-0	0-0
Leeds	2-4	0-1	4-2	1-1	3-3	Bristol C.	1-4	2-0	0-3
Aston Villa	2-1	5-4	1-3	1-1	1-4	Cardiff	2-2	2-2	1-0
Chelsea	2-1	5-4	1-3	1-1	1-4	Clapton O.	2-4	0-2	0-1
Middlesbrough	2-2	1-3	3-2	2-2	4-1	Coventry	1-1	1-1	0-0
Leicester	1-5	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-3	Exeter	5-5	3-3	3-0
Liverpool	5-1	2-1	3-1	1-4	4-1	Gillingham	0-3	2-2	0-0
Manchester U.	5-1	4-5	1-1	3-2	2-1	Luton	1-1	2-1	0-1
Preston	1-2	0-1	1-3	2-4	3-3	Swindon	3-0	1-1	0-1
Wednesday	2-1	2-1	2-2	1-1	0-0	Crystal P.	1-1	1-1	3-2
Sunderland	4-2	0-1	2-2	5-1	4-2	Bristol R.	5-5	1-5	1-0
Tottenham	0-1	4-2	1-2	2-2	1-1	Watford	2-2	2-0	2-1
West Bromwich	4-0	1-0	4-1	3-9	4-2	Charlton	4-1	1-1	0-2
Wolves	2-2	2-1	0-7	2-3	2-1	Reading	5-2	1-1	0-3
Blackburn	1-2	1-2	4-2	2-5	2-5	Northampton	2-2	1-1	1-0
Arsenal	1-2	7-1	7-0	1-1	8-0	Newport	1-0	1-1	0-0
Grimsb'y	3-2	1-3	1-1	2-3	1-2	Torquay	4-2	4-1	0-1
Stoke	3-2	1-3	3-1	2-3	1-2	Southend	0-1	2-2	1-1
Huddersfield	0-0	3-1	2-4	1-1	4-0	Queen's P. R.	1-1	0-2	0-3
Everton	3-2	1-2	2-3	5-2	0-0	Newport	0-1	1-1	1-0
Manchester C.	0-0	2-1	1-0	4-2	2-0	Millwall	2-2	1-2	1-0
SECOND DIVISION.					THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).				
Bradford	4-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-2	Accrington	2-3	1-2	0-6
Brentford	6-1	4-2	3-1	2-2	8-1	Crewe	4-1	1-1	1-2
Burnley	1-6	3-1	1-1	1-2	3-2	Darlington	0-1	1-2	2-2
Bury	3-1	0-3	3-1	0-0	1-0	Gateshead	0-2	1-3	0-3
Fulham	3-1	1-3	4-1	0-1	2-0	Halifax	1-0	2-1	1-3
Manchester U.	2-3	3-2	1-3	1-0	2-1	Lincoln	2-1	1-1	0-2
Notts F.	1-0	2-3	2-0	2-1	2-1	Rotherham	0-5	2-1	3-0
Oldham	1-3	1-1	0-2	1-2	4-2	Stockport	1-2	1-1	1-2
Port Vale	1-3	1-2	0-2	2-2	0-2	Tranmere	2-0	3-1	3-0
Swansea	0-1	2-4	1-4	0-0	2-3	Walsall	2-2	1-1	0-1
Walsley	0-3	3-2	0-1	1-2	1-8	Wrexham	2-2	2-1	0-1
Norwich	7-2	1-1	2-1	2-2	2-3	New Brighton	2-2	0-1	0-1
Southampton	0-1	1-4	0-1	2-2	1-4	Doncaster	2-0	1-1	2-0
Blackpool	3-0	1-1	2-1	2-3	4-1	York	5-0	2-2	1-5
Plymouth	4-0	2-3	2-0	2-1	3-2	Chester	1-1	1-1	3-1
Bradford C.	4-2	0-2	1-2	0-0	1-2	Mansfield	2-1	1-1	5-1
Newcastle	2-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	4-2	Reckdale	1-4	1-1	4-2
Ipswich	4-1	3-2	2-2	1-0	1-4	Chesham	1-4	2-2	0-1
Sheffield U.	0-2	1-1	1-3	1-1	1-2	Southport	1-2	1-2	2-2
Notts C.	2-2	0-1	0-0	3-2	0-1	Cardiff	2-5	1-1	1-3
Hull	3-2	2-1	1-1	4-3	1-0	Hartlepool	5-2	2-3	0-3
West Ham	2-0	2-0	4-0	2-2	1-1	Barrow	0-2	2-1	1-2

Billiards League

C.P.O.'s CLUB AT HEAD OF TABLE

The C.P.O.'s Club are still at the head of the Steel and Coulson's Billiards League, one point ahead of the R. E. Sgts. Mess in the same number of games played. During his recent matches they beat the Garrison Sgts. Mess by five games to one, representing 844 points to 583.

The results of the matches together with the League table are published below:

C.P.O.'s Club v. R. A. Sgts' Mess

E.R.A. F.	Sargent. 150	S/Sgt. Flood	100
E.A. W.	West 150	Sargent. Dyer	72
Sy. P.O. F.	Rose 150	Sargent. John	103
Ch. Wtr.	Harper. 94	Sargent. Ranson	150
Sargent. Elsey.	R.M. 150	Sargent. Gross	89
E.R.A.	150	S.Q.M.S. Digby	150
Total ..	844	Total	583

C.P.O.'s Club v. Garrison Sgts' Mess

E.R.A. F.	Sargent. 150	Sergt. Finkell	90
Sgt. Ycoman.	150	Sergt. Bloomfield	100
E.A. W.	118	Sergt. Gatwall	150
Sy. P.O. F.	Rose 56	Sergt. Wodo	150
Joiner T.	Savage. 116	M.G. Longman	150
P.O. E.	Gowing. 150	L/Sgt. Roach	67
Total ..	740	Total	713

Garrison Sgts' Mess v. R. E. Sgts' Mess

HON. MR. S. H. DODWELL ELECTED CAPTAIN OF GOLF CLUB

CHINA'S DAVIS CUP TEAM

Ng Sze-kwong On
Selection Committee

Local tennis players will be interested to learn that Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, the well-known exponent who was the Colony's foremost player some years ago, has been appointed to the Selection Committee which will choose China's representatives to challenge for the Davis Cup Lawn Tennis Competition.

It is more than probable that in addition to his capacity as a member of the selection committee Mr. Ng Sze-kwong will be invited to join the team as non-playing captain.

FIRST CHINESE CHAMPION

Ng Sze-kwong was born in 1895, and was the first Chinese to win the Colony Open Singles. He won this title in 1918 and retained it until 1924. He was finalist in 1915, 1916 and 1927. With Wong Po-keung, he won the Open Doubles in 1917, the first year that title had been held by Chinese. Partnered by Wong he retained the title for the two following years, and in 1922 and 1923 captured the crown with Wei Wing-lok. He was finalist with A. H. Rumjahn in 1920 and in 1924 with C. Chao.

Ng Sze-kwong was also C.R.C. champion for five years, from 1912 when he founded the club until 1927, and played in the C.R.C. "A" Division champion team in 1917, 1919, 1920, 1927 and 1928.

He was included in the Inter-port sides against Shanghai in 1920, 1921 and 1922, and was non-playing captain of the Interport side which visited Canton in 1932.

CHARITY FOOTBALL

UNIVERSITY AND G.C.H. STAFF

The annual Charity Football match between the Government Civil Hospital Staff and the University is taking place on Sunday next at 3.30 p.m. on the University Ground, Pokfulam.

Sir William Hornell, the Vice-Chancellor, will referee.

HOCKEY

Y.M.C.A. Hold Recreio With Seven Men

Paying with only seven men, the Y. M. C. A. did exceedingly well to hold the Club de Recreio to a score of two goals to one in Recreio's favour, in a friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday afternoon.

The Recreio scored both goals in the first half, and the Y. M. C. A. scored in the second half.

In a friendly match on Monday at the Marina ground, the Punjab Regiment defeated the Hongkong and Singapore Brigade, R.A., by two goals to nil.

A cocktail party will be held at the Marina Cricket Club on Sunday, December 22, immediately after the American tennis tournament which is being held on the same day. Special festive music will be a feature of the party.

No also represented China at the Far Eastern Olympic Games in 1917, 1919 and 1921 at Tokyo, Manila and Shanghai.

TRADE BOOMING

RECORD CHRISTMAS IN BRITAIN

London, Dec. 18. An intensive attack by shoppers marked the commencement of the last pre-Christmas week. All stores are crowded and a record Christmas is expected.

The Bank of England note circulation, the surest index of brisk business, last week exceeded £303,000,000—£11,000,000 above the same week last year. The bank has not yet been reached and is expected to exceed £400,000,000.

Even during Christmas, 1929, before the slump, when retail prices were higher, the note circulation was only £380,000,000.

Looking to the New Year, business men are distinctly hopeful. Home prospects are definitely good and overseas trade shows signs of recovery.

British exports for the first eleven months of 1934 were the highest, by £29,000,000, since 1929.

Railways announce hundreds of special trains will be run during the Christmas and New Year holidays, including the "Hogmanay Express," enabling Scots to spend the New Year at home. Railway fares will be three-fifths a mile.—Our Own Correspondent.

Retail Prices

London, Dec. 18. The average level of retail prices of commodities on December 1 were 44 per cent. above the level of July 1914. This percentage was the same as for the month earlier. The corresponding figure for December 1, 1933, was 43.—British Wireless.

BUILDING FUND FOR NEW CLUB HOUSE STARTED

REVIEW OF YEAR'S ACTIVITIES AT ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club yesterday, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, reviewing the activities of the Club, mentioned that consequent on a decision previously taken to abandon for the present the scheme for the erection of a new Club House at Fanling, a Building Fund had now been started.

Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell was elected Captain for the ensuing year.

Moving the adoption of the report and accounts the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith referred in eulogistic terms to the splendid services rendered to the Club by Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, and expressed regret at the forced retirement and return to England of the latter owing to ill-health. He also referred to the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Hitchens as their successors.

Dealing with the question of the new Club House the Chairman said: In pursuance of the policy recommended at last year's General Meeting, all entrance fees now go towards a Fanling Building Fund which is invested or put on Fixed Deposit and held against the day when, as is inevitable, a new Club House at Fanling must be erected. This Fund, which now appears for the first time in the Accounts, will in due course be augmented by such profits from the General Account as can in the opinion of the Committee be safely so allocated. As it stands this Fund has been composed of \$10,000 transferred from the General Account early in the year under review and \$12,225 in Entrance Fees paid during the year, the residue being accrued interest on investments.

The actual result of the year's working as shown in the Profit and Loss Account will be seen to be a loss of \$9,919.67 as against a profit of \$18,162.71, a total difference of \$27,112.38. In the second half of the Working Account there is only a difference between the two years of less than \$1,400, but it is in the first half that Account that the explanation will be found of the position which would be disquieting if it appeared to be in any way likely to recur.

As was prophesied a year ago the abandonment for the present at the Extraordinary Meeting of October 1933 of the scheme for a new Club House has necessitated this year a number of repairs at Fanling which had been deferred until the situation was clearer. Repairs and renewals accordingly show an increase of over \$5,000 as compared with the previous year. Besides this, Maintenance at Fanling and Upkeep of Courses at Fanling show between them a total increase of nearly \$9,000. On the other hand Subscriptions are down by over \$5,000 a drop which is of course impossible to control.

It is dangerous in times such as the present to indulge in prospects for the future, and the prosperity of such an institution as a Golf Club must depend upon how much the spending public can afford to pay for its recreation, but so far as it is possible to foretell there will be very few payments to be made of a special

nature for the next few years and I think that, despite the unfavourable showing, we may consider ourselves to be in a healthy condition with the Debenture Account almost completely liquidated and with a Building Fund of \$22,575 laid by for the benefit of posterity.

The system of a "waiting list" for membership has been continued but full membership has been offered from time to time when there has appeared to be no serious overcrowding at week-ends. When propositions from the "waiting list" are offered it has been decided that the mid-week privileges enjoyed by those on the "waiting list" could not be offered as an option, and that election to full membership must be accepted when offered except in special cases such as impending departure from the Colony.

The caddy system at Fanling continues to work satisfactorily and the reports made by members have been helpful in keeping up the standard of efficiency which I think members will agree is not higher than ever. Many average caddies have been turned away.

I should like here to pay a tribute to our Secretary, Col. Matthews, who not only kept things running at Fanling during the period between Mr. Kerr's departure and Mr. Hitchens' arrival but in my opinion, brought about considerable improvements; also to Mrs. Matthews who so efficiently filled the gap suddenly left by Mrs. Kerr.

MR. GREENHILL. This is, I regret to say, the last General Meeting at which we shall see the familiar face of Mr. L. S. Greenhill. The Fanling Greens Committee without Mr. Greenhill to help it will be almost like a man without the Prince of Denmark.

Successful committees have always subordinated all subsidiary interests like Clubhouses and the rest to the primary necessity of good golfing conditions and it is no exaggeration to say that the Fanling Courses owe more to Mr. Greenhill's enthusiasm and experience than to any other single cause. In the name of all present I thank Mr. Greenhill for all that he has done and wish him all happiness in his retirement. (Applause).

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell was elected Captain on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. B. Ross. The following were elected members of the incoming Committee: Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Messrs. G. S. Archbutt, C. D. Lambert, A. E. Lissaman, K. S. Morrison, A. Ritchie, T. J. J. Fenwick, A. Macfarlane and D. J. Gilmore.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were appointed auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$1,500 per annum, on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. G. S. Archbutt.

ENTRANCE FEE. Mr. Frank Austin said: There is one point I would like to bring out at this meeting for special consideration, and that is the question of entrance fee.

The entrance fee was raised from \$50 to \$150 about one year ago, and I have heard from a number of men I have happened to meet that they would like to join the Golf Club but they thought the entrance fee of \$150 excessive.

I would like to suggest that it might be revised to a fee of \$100 in place of \$150, and I would like to bring this to the Committee for their consideration.

The Chairman: I am sure Mr. Austin's proposal will be carefully considered by the incoming committee.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy proposed a vote of thanks to their retiring Captain, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith.

YING WA SCHOOL SPEECH DAY

FUNCTION AT THE HOP YAT CHURCH

The annual speech day of the Ying Wa Girls' School was held at the Hop Yat Church yesterday evening. The function was presided over by the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling, and the certificates were distributed to the pupils by Mr. G. R. Sayer, the Director of Education.

In the absence of the Headmistress, Miss Hutchinson, who is on furlough, the school report for the year 1933-34, was read by Miss V. D. A. Silcock. The report revealed that the school was making good progress.

After distributing the certificates, Mr. Sayer addressed the gathering. He touched on the growth of the school under the London Missionary Society, and noted with pleasure that it had expanded from a small school with only a handful of students, to an institution boasting the enrolment of over 400 girls.

Mr. Sayer congratulated the staff of the Ying Wa Girls' School on their excellent work during the year. He urged the co-operation of parents with the teachers, and advised the students to read more widely of periodicals, magazines and good English books.

An enjoyable concert was later given by the students of the school.

AVIATOR ENGAGED

CAMPBELL BLACK TO MARRY ACTRESS

London, Dec. 18. Campbell Black, the British airman who, with C. W. A. Scott, won the England-Australia air marathon, has become engaged to Miss Florence Desmond, the well-known English actress.—Reuter.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz have received the following quotations on the New York exchange for yesterday.

	Dec. 17.	Dec. 18.
New York Cotton		
Close		Closing Range
December	12.45	12.42-12.43
January	12.43	12.47-12.47
March	12.53	12.57-12.57
May	12.63	12.68-12.68
July	12.62	12.68-12.68
October (1935)	12.54	12.40-12.42
Spot	12.70	12.75

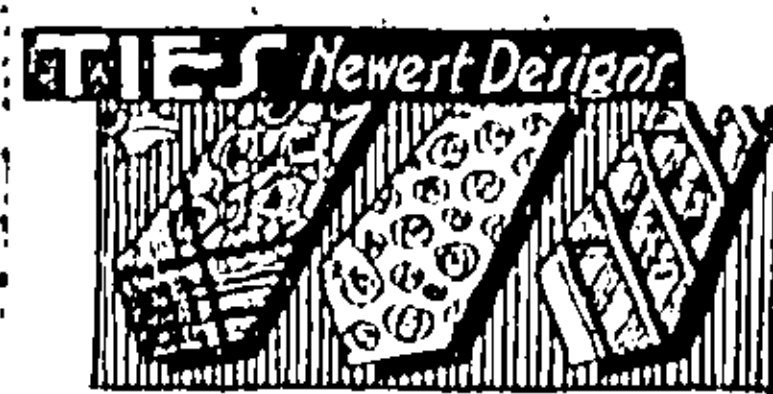
	Dec. 17.	Dec. 18.
New York Rubber		
December	12.63	12.69-12.69
January	13.00	13.03-13.03
March	13.20	13.20-13.20
May	13.37	13.40-13.40
July	13.85	13.57-13.57
September	13.80	13.77-13.77

	Dec. 17.	Dec. 18.
Chicago Wheat		
December	98 1/2	98 1/2-98 1/2
May	99	99 1/2-99 1/2
July	99	99 1/2-99 1/2
Monday's sales	22,827,000	bushels
Chicago Corn		
December	90 1/2	90 1/2-90 1/2
May	87 1/2	87 1/2-87 1/2
July	84 1/2	84 1/2-84 1/2
Total sales	11,695,000	bushels

	Dec. 17.	Dec. 18.
Winnipeg Wheat		
December	77 1/2	77 1/2-77 1/2
May	82 1/2	82 1/2-82 1/2
July	83 1/2	83 1/2-83 1/2
New York Sugar		
December	1.97	1.95-1.95
March	1.78	1.78-1.78
May	1.84	1.83-1.83
July	1.80	1.84-1.87
Total sales	4,000	tons

	Dec. 17.	Dec. 18.
New York Silk		
December	1.31	1.28 1/2-1.29 1/2
March	1.31	1.29-1.30
May	1.32 1/2	1.30-1.31
Total sales	72	lots
Montreal Silver		
December	63.76	63.15-63.15
March	64.05	63.76-63.76
May	64.90	64.23-64.60
July	65.60	65.00-65.00
Total sales	17	contracts

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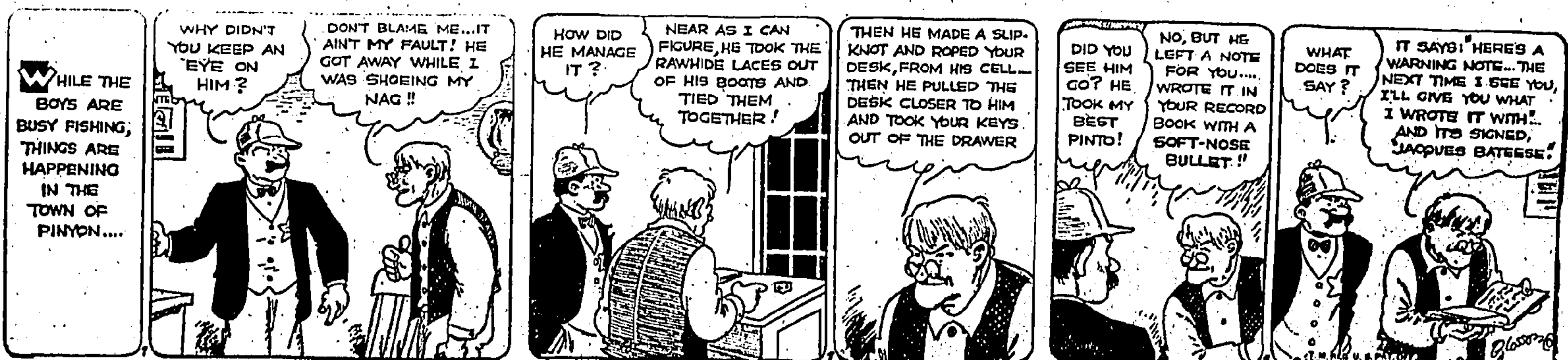
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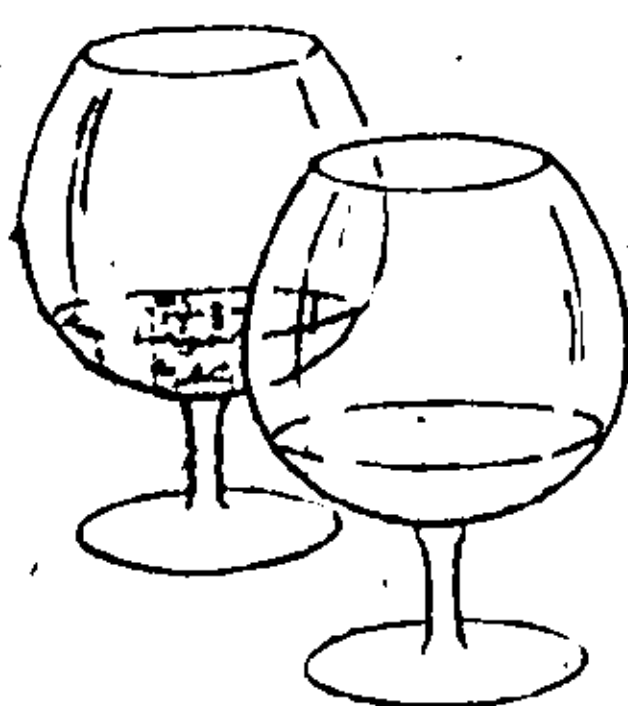
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OBITUARY

MR. ABDUL RAHIM ABBAS

By the death which occurred yesterday at his residence, 57 Leighton Hill Road, of Mr. Abdul Rahim Abbas, the Indian community in Hongkong has lost one of its foremost and most highly respected members.

The late Mr. Abbas was 63 years of age and was born in Hongkong. He was educated at the Central School, which was then the leading Government school in the Colony, and in 1888 joined the staff of Messrs Wotton and Donsons and later Messrs. Denny and Mossop, two well-known firms of solicitors in those days. In 1891 he was appointed to a post in the Magistracy, where he served for a number of years before being appointed to a position in the Army Ordnance Office. Just before the outbreak of the War, Mr. Abbas joined the staff of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company and remained with them ever since.

Mr. Abbas had been in indifferent health for the past year, but he attended his duties as usual yesterday. He collapsed upon arriving home shortly after 5 p.m.

Of a genial disposition, Mr. Abbas enjoyed the esteem of a large circle of friends. In his younger days he was prominent in religious work and was among the founders of the local Islamic Union.

He is survived by his widow, three sons and two daughters. The funeral will take place this afternoon, starting from his residence for the Mahomedan Cemetery at 5.15 p.m.

BODY RECOVERED

TIENTSIN DROWING ACCIDENT

Tientsin, Dec. 18. The body of Miss Crookshank, who was drowned with Mr. Ronald Tipper yesterday, when the car in which they were driving plunged into the river, was found by Chinese boatmen this afternoon and handed over to the British police. The body was fully clothed, including fur coat and gloves. A joint burial has been arranged for Thursday. An inquest was opened this morning, but was adjourned sine die pending the recovery of Miss Crookshank's body.—*Reuter*.

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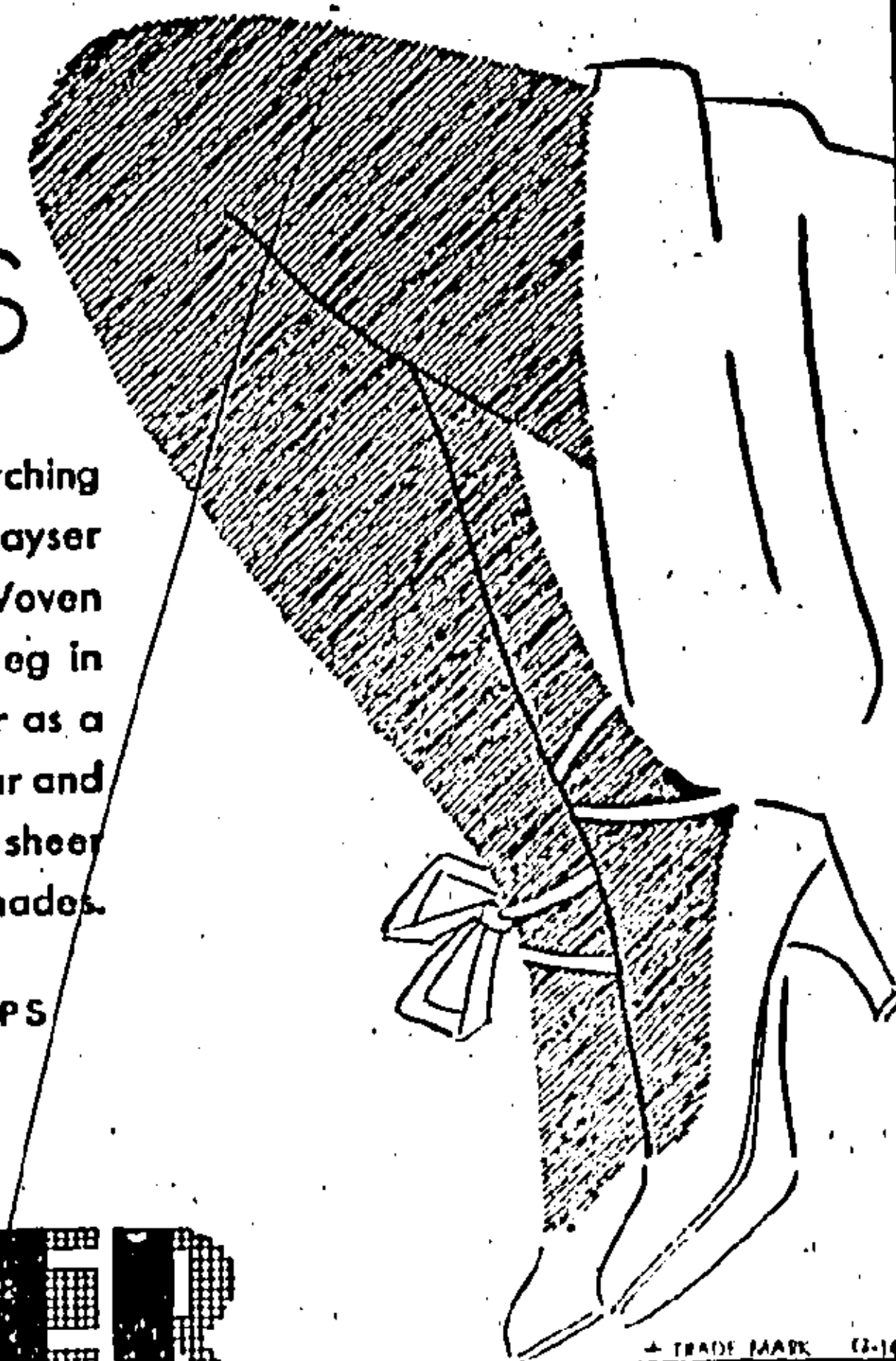
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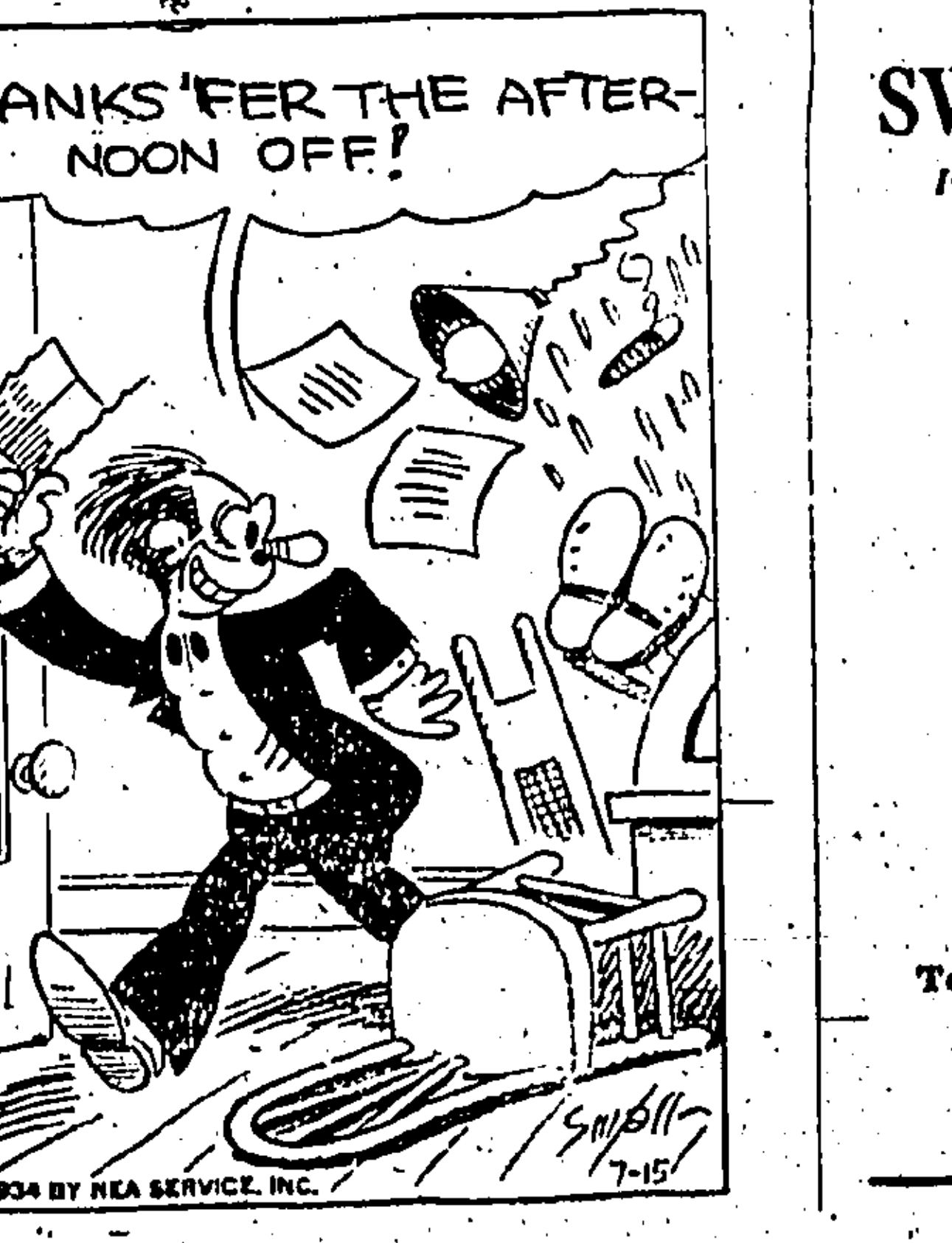
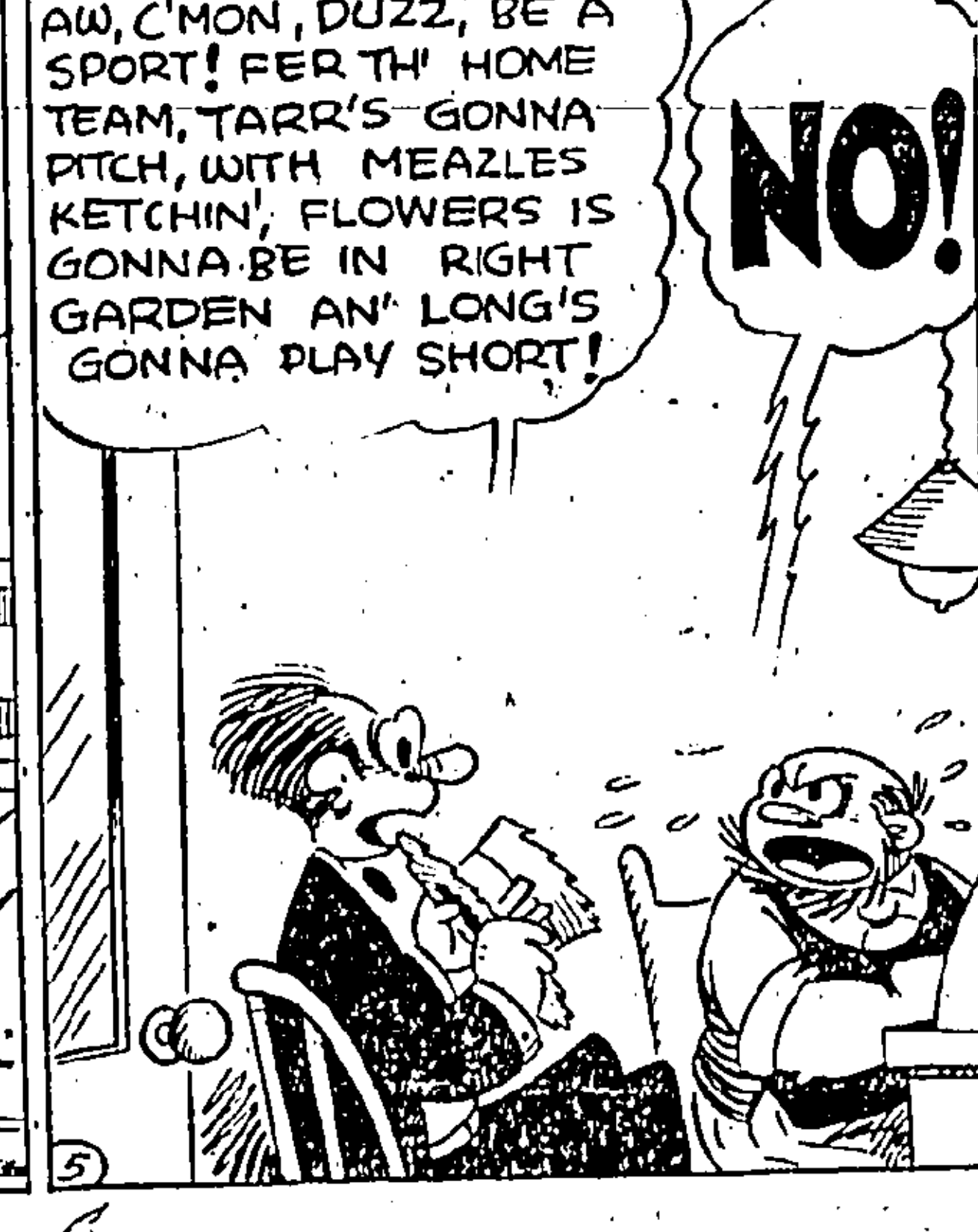
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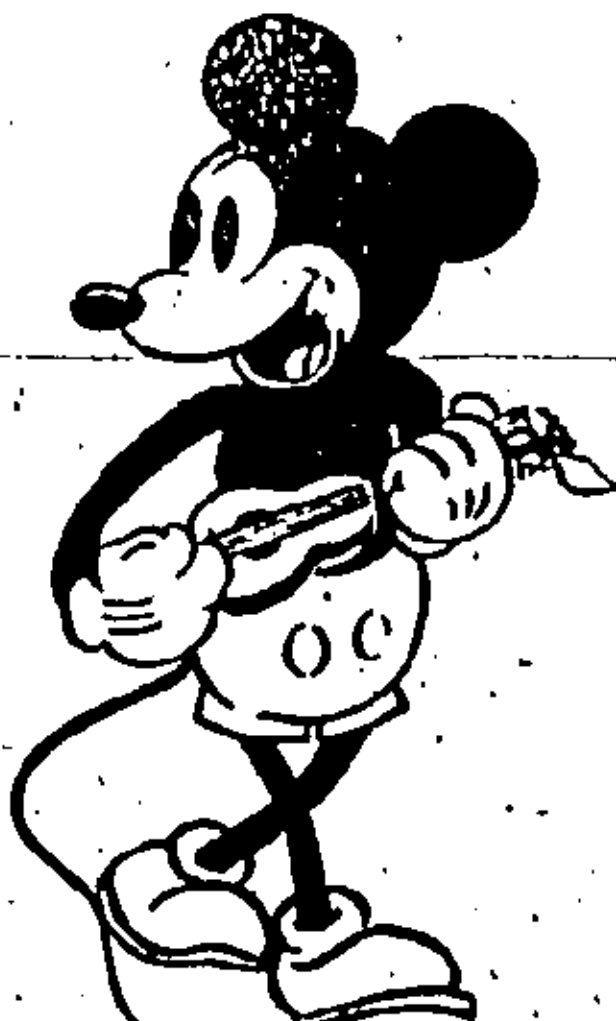
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HONGKONG MUI TSAI

ANNUAL MEETING OF SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

POSITION OF ADOPTED DAUGHTERS

The fifth annual meeting of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children took place at the Helena May Institute yesterday, when the report and accounts, which have already been published, were adopted.

His Excellency the Governor referred feelingly to the poverty at the bottom of most cases which came before the Society, and said poverty was also responsible for the poor housing which was the best that many parents could afford.

The Government was still confronting the problem of the mui tsai and were ready to act in the more delicate matter of adopted daughters, should it be found that mui tsai were being kept under this designation.

H. E. Sir William Peel, President of the Society, presided at the meeting. Mr. M. K. Lo (Chairman of the Society), Mr. G. P. de Martin (Vice-Chairman), Sir Thomas and Lady Southorn, the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall, The Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, the Hon. Sir William Shenton, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Sir William Hornell, Mrs. Middleton Smith, Mrs. A. Hicks, Mr. S. V. Boxer, Mr. M. A. Cooper, Dr. G. R. Nash, Mrs. L. O. Hunter, Mrs. W. B. A. Moore, Miss Elliott, Mr. W. Schindler, Professor and Mrs. L. Forster, Dr. B. W. K. Ho, Mr. C. H. Lim, Mr. Mok Kon-sung, Mr. Ng Wah, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Mr. A. McKellar, Mr. Kwak Chan, Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. J. T. Prior, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. R. B. Campbell, Mr. J. L. MacPherson, Mr. M. H. Lo, Mr. Li Hoi-sung, Mr. A. el Arcull, Rev. H. R. Wells, Mr. Ngah Shing-kwan, Mr. F. H. Kwok, Mr. Peter Sin, Mr. J. Russell, Dr. Li Shu Fan, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Wong Kwong, Mr. J. M. Alves, Adjutant Dorothy Brazier and Capt. Doris Lemmon (Salvation Army), and Mr. F. H. Losely.

After His Excellency had proposed the adoption of the report, Mr. M. K. Lo seconded the motion. He said that their thanks were due to the Council General for Italy who had postponed engagement which would have clashed with the Society's meeting, and had expressed his interest in the movement as keenly sponsored in Italy.

Lasting Memorials

Mr. Lo continuing, said: I understand that Mr. Boxer will, in due course, express the gratitude of the Society to His Excellency the Governor for his unflinching interest in and support of the Society, and I naturally do not wish in any way to encroach upon Mr. Boxer's province. But speaking as the retiring chairman of the Executive Committee of the Society, I feel I must allude to one aspect of the work of His Excellency and Lady Peel in the interests of the well-being of the Colony. In their Report the Committee have referred with gratitude and thanks to the much welcomed financial assistance rendered by the Women's Auxiliary. I should like to state that this useful body was entirely due to the creative genius and organising ability of that tireless social worker, Lady Southern, and on behalf of the Society I tender to her and to the other kind ladies of the Auxiliary, our grateful thanks.

Appalling Prospect

It is a matter for deep regret that the result of our year's working has shown a deficit of over \$2,000. I earnestly appeal for increased public support. I know times are hard. But in making this appeal, I would invite the public to try to have a vivid mental picture of the work of the Society, and of the appalling consequences if the Society were forced by lack of financial support to discontinue its activities. Every year, hundreds of children, subject at birth to all the disadvantages inherent in having been born in poverty, would, but for our Society, succumb to various diseases as a direct cause of malnutrition or even semi-starvation, which, if they do not prove fatal, stunt their growth and development, and deprive them of any chance of being able to adjust themselves to their environment in this competitive world. Surely the ever generous public of Hongkong cannot and will not allow the humane work of our Society to be restricted and handicapped by lack of funds.

I should like to say how delighted we are to have Mr. Hazlerigg, back with us again. Infant welfare work in general, and the Society's activities in particular, absorb all his spare time and abundant energy, and it will indeed be a sad day for the Society, and for the Colony when we have to be deprived of his sage counsel and unobtrusive guidance and advice.

Before I sit down, I wish to endorse and reiterate our gratitude to the Honorary Directors, Messrs. Boxer and Cooper, and the various Honorary Branch Secretaries and Inspectors for their valuable work, and to tender my personal thanks to all the members of the Executive Committee over which I have had the honour and privilege to preside during the past year, for their services and co-operation.

President's Absence

The Hon. Dr. Kotewall said: Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen.—My first and very pleasing duty is to express to Your Excellency our deep appreciation of the honour you have done us by presiding once more at our Annual General Meeting.

Many New Cases

The Society's fifth annual report and statement of accounts have already been circulated, and extracts from the Report have been published in the Press, so that I do not intend to do more than speak briefly on a few aspects of the Society's work. You will have noticed that during the past year the Society has dealt with 900 new cases affecting the

welfare of more than 2,000 children. The sum of new cases exceeded the corresponding figure for the previous year by 42. These figures do not indicate the volume of work which has been carried out by the Society, for when we add to them those cases which were under supervision at the end of the previous year, we find that the Society's officers have had to deal with a total of nearly 1,500 cases during the year. While we cannot but deplore the acute distress which has been revealed in the vast majority of these new cases, members have good reason to feel a certain amount of satisfaction that their Society has been able to afford relief to so many of the Colony's poorest and most helpless children. It is virtually impossible for us to appreciate what is involved in an attempt to keep body and soul together on less than \$3 a month, and not until the standard of earnings among the vast majority of the unskilled manual workers of the Colony shows material improvement will the Society be able to deal with the magnitude of its problem in diminishing. The clearance of the Colony's congested slum areas, the replacement of many of the existing tenements by a modern and better planned type of tenement building with sanitary conveniences, and the provision of more open spaces, are improvements for which the Society appeals and must continue to appeal, because they are of vital importance to the health of the community. But although slum clearance may be tackled successfully, the problem of overcrowding will to a large extent remain until earnings are high enough to enable the unskilled labourer to spend a large sum on rent, and he is not likely to do that until he has increased his expenditure on food and clothing for himself and his family.

Change of Attitude

One of the most striking facts brought home to the Society's officers is the changing attitude of the Chinese poor towards surgical treatment. The old view was that hospitals were to be entered only as a last resort, and a surgeon was regarded by the ignorant with dread and even suspicion. The explanation for this is largely historical. From time immemorial the Chinese have been used only to medical treatment distinct from surgical treatment, and, however, their change of attitude in this respect is becoming more marked. Cases are frequently coming to our notice of the pathetic faith in the power of the poor classes of Chinese of the poor classes who have submitted themselves to surgical operations. As an instance of a field in which I believe the poor would welcome an extension of facilities, I would mention that of the eye surgeon. Acute eye disease and blindness are terrible handicaps, and I know that some of the Society's officers who have been privileged to see something of the voluntary work which is being done in Kowloon, have been deeply impressed by the way in which scores of poor children and young persons, as well as adults, wait for hours in order to present themselves to the eye surgeon in whom they repose great faith. It is most encouraging to be also able to report the steadily increasing influence of the trained Chinese nurses on the mothers. An important reason for this is the desire—

I might almost say the passion—of the younger generation of Chinese for education in some form or other. Greater and greater attention is being paid by these mothers to the advice given them by the nurses; and with such all-important matters as cleanliness, feeding and the general care of children. Every available opportunity is taken at the various branches of the Society to instruct the mothers in the elementary principles of child welfare; and one need only pay a visit to the Government Infant Welfare Centre in Wanchai or to that in Kowloon to appreciate how excellent an investment these Centres are.

I now move that the Report and Accounts for the past year be adopted.

Genuine Sympathy

H. E. the Governor: Before I put the motion to the meeting, I should like in the first place to thank Dr. Kotewall and Mr. Lo for the somewhat undeserved euphuism they have passed in favour of my wife and myself in connection with the work of this Society, and I can only wish we had done more to deserve it. What little we had done has been done with genuine sympathy for the poor children of Hongkong. (Applause.)

I have read this very comprehensive report and in common with you all have found it somewhat depressing. There is no doubt, I think, that it has set out the worst conditions that exist in the Colony. Unfortunately it is a fact that those conditions do exist. There is no doubt that the principal factor is that of poverty.

The report shows that much time and money has been spent by the number of individuals for the Society and to them the Society owes a

great debt of thanks. There is no doubt that their activities, it is a thing that is attracting the attention of a great many countries to-day and it is a fact, though it may not be well-known, it is one of the principal activities of the League of Nations.

More Facilities

I don't say what I said last year that there is fortunately no evidence of wilful cruelty in this Colony—at any rate very little. The misfortunes of children are attributable almost entirely to ill-health and poverty, but there is more accommodation in hospitals now and we have established one or two infant welfare centres and contemplate establishing more. As Mr. Lo and Dr. Kotewall have said, the new infant welfare centre at Wanchai has proved a great success as also has that on the mainland.

Owing to the generosity of some Chinese friends, who are building a permanent infant welfare centre in Wanchai, which will be handed over to the Government upon completion, we hope it may be possible by next year, if not certainly the year after, for us to be able to transfer the cost of the rented premises in Wanchai to similar premises in the Western part of the town. The Government have already acquired a considerable piece of land on which to establish a health centre in the West, but unfortunately our finances have not permitted us to start building there.

The Kowloon centre, I understand is doing very well and in this connection our thanks are due to the Sisters of the Precious Blood Convent, whose institution I visited some months ago, when I was greatly struck by the work and voluntary services of the doctors and others of that institution.

The main factor at work is no doubt that of poverty and for that I have been unable to find a remedy. Housing conditions in this Colony are due more to the economic factor of poverty than to bad houses—though a great many do exist. Many new houses have been built but a large number lie vacant owing to the fact that the poverty of our inhabitants do not permit them to pay the rent that are asked for them.

A Peculiar Trouble. One of the troubles here is the easy entry of poor and unemployed from the neighbouring countries which makes the Colony's burden much greater, and because of this we are very dependent on the society for such help as can be given to the children of the Colony. Money is essential and I make a strong appeal not only to those who have generously helped in the past and will continue to help, but to those who have not yet even considered the question; for I cannot believe that anyone who could afford to give help to such a cause, can possibly refrain from doing so.

The account shows a deficit on last year's work and I hope at the end of the coming year it will be turned into a surplus. I should like to offer my thanks on behalf of the Colony and the Government to these institutions which have given such great assistance to the Government such as the St. Louis Industrial School, the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the Convents, who have done more than most people realise on behalf of the poor of the Colony. I should like to congratulate Lady Southern and the Women's Auxiliary for the good start she has made and for the monetary help to the Society.

Mui Tsai Problem. Our thanks are due to this Society (S.P.C.) and its officers who have given the Government help in the mui tsai problem. The critics of the mui tsai are not so vocal as they were because they realise that the Government has done a great deal to battle with this subject. The mui tsai system, as I see it, is not altogether bad, as it has undoubtedly led to the saving of the lives of many children who would otherwise have died owing to the poverty of their parents. At the same time it has its defects and has to go. I am also prepared to believe that there are a great number of unregistered mui tsai in the Colony. To eradicate or discover them would probably necessitate a house-to-house inspection involving considerable vexation and expense. Inspectors are doing what they can and the Courts are imposing heavier fines.

In case there are loopholes I have recently appointed a committee under the chairmanship of Mr. F. H. Losely, whose interest in children you are all aware, to see if any further improvement can be made.

With reference to "adopted daughters" this is a delicate and difficult subject and we have always held the view that so long as there is no evidence of abuse there is no need to register such, but if it should appear that mui tsai are being kept under the guise of adopted daughters, the Government would have no hesitation in insisting upon their registering.

Salvation Army. Upon the question of Juvenile Offenders the Government is indebted to Mr. Hazlerigg for drawing up the necessary legislation in connection with it. I visited the male juvenile home some months ago and it seemed to be going well. Some difficulty was experienced in arranging for a Juvenile Female Home, but thanks to the help and support of the Salvation Army we have been able to provide a home for them as well.

The report and accounts were then put to the meeting and were unanimously adopted. Mr. G. P. de Martin proposed and Mr. C. H. Lim seconded the resolution of the patrons: His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel, the President Sir Shouson Chau, and the Vice-Presidents.

At the suggestion of the Hon. Dr. Kotewall, the name of Lady Southern was added as a Vice-President. The general and executive committees were re-elected on the motion of Mr. Cooper and a vote of thanks to Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, the hon. authors was passed on the motion of Mr. J. T. Prior seconded by Mr. A. el Arcull. Mr. Boxer thanked His Excellency for presiding.



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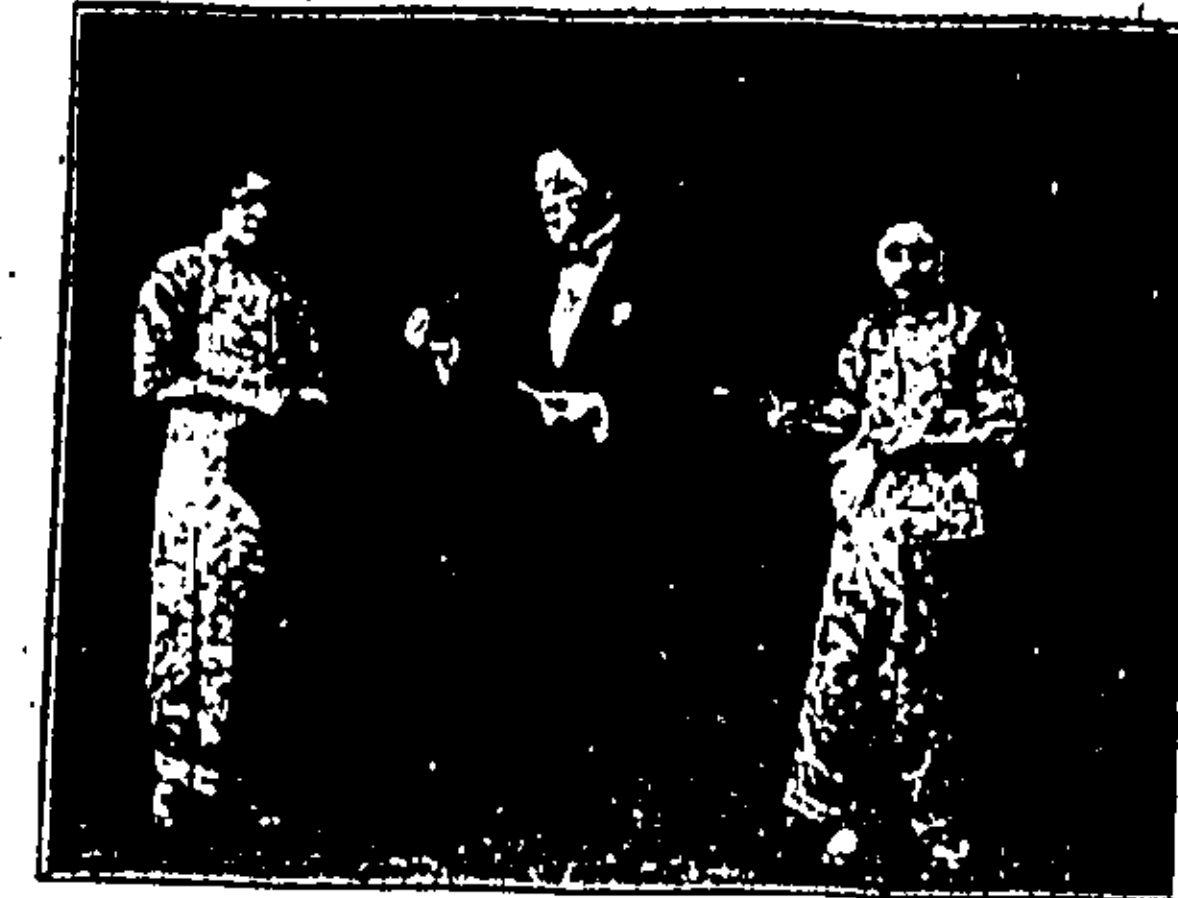
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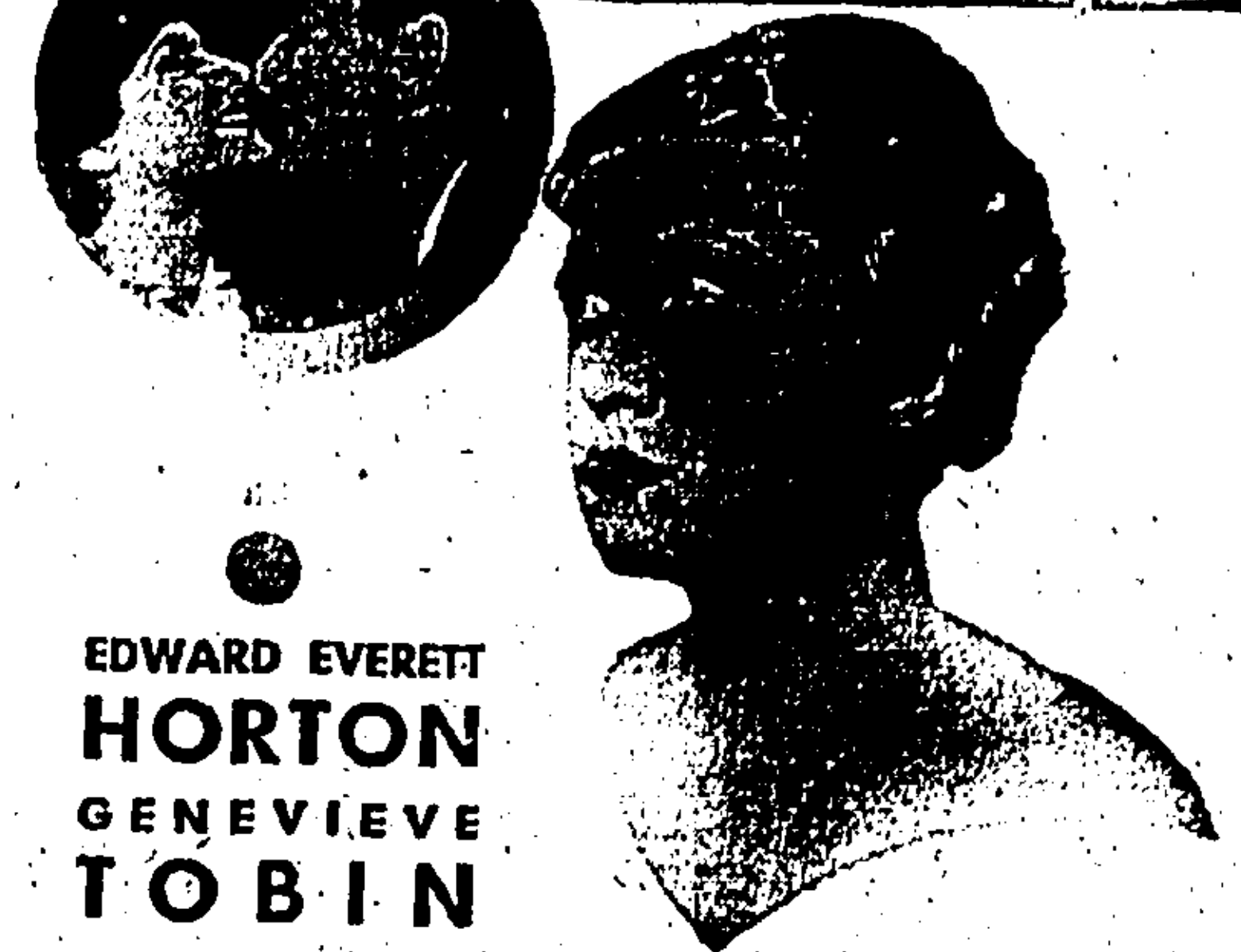


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SERIAL STORY

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CHAPTER XXXVII

Fisher's voice rose belligerently.
"Go on!" he said. "Come clean—who was that friend?"
"All I know," the girl said, "is that it was someone who was called Frank."
"You're lying," Fisher told her. "You know more than that. Who was that friend?"
"Just Frank."

Her eyes refused to meet those of the attorney.
"Who was that?"
"Who?" Fisher said with slow insistence.
She raised her eyes to his, said desperately, "I can tell you this much, but he told me that he'd find me and kill me if I ever told anyone."

"Never mind that," Fisher said. "What is it you're going to tell me?"
"I can tell you," she said, "that Frank lived at Riverview."

"That he lived in Riverview?"
"Yes."
"How do you know?"
"Because of the telephone calls."
"What telephone calls?"
"A telephone call that the man put through from my room here in the hotel."
"When did he put it through?"
"Just last night."
"And he called this person in Riverview?"

"Yes."
"Do you know the number?"
"Yes," she said in a voice that was almost inaudible.
"What was that number?"
"The number," she said, "was the number of Mr. Cathay's residence. I took occasion to look it up in the book. Then after I found it out I got frightened. I thought that perhaps it was something that was a lot more serious than I had at first thought. I didn't know what to do. I was commencing to get suspicious of this man."

"He didn't continue to go under the name of Cathay after you found out about the impersonation?" Fisher asked.
"No," she said in a weak voice.
"What was his name?"
"Malone," she said.
"His first name?"
"Pete."

"Who else did he call besides Frank? Did he seem to have any other person here in the city that he was reporting to?"
"Yes."
"Who was it?"
"A woman."
"Who was the woman?"
"I think," she said, "it was his wife."
"What was her first name?"
"Her first name was Blanche."

"She gave a sigh, dropped forward

in the chair and put her hands to her face.
The lawyer continued his aggressive cross-examination.
"Where did this woman live?" he asked.

"I don't know," she said.
"None of that," he told her, "or it's going to be just too bad."
She dropped her hands from her face, jumped to her feet, screamed at him, "I don't know! I don't know! I don't know! I tell you I don't know! Don't you stand there and tell me I lie!"

Fisher stepped forward, pushed her back into the chair, and told her "Sit down," he said, "and tell me where this woman lives."
The girl pressed her lips together in stony silence.
"Go on," the lawyer said. "I'm waiting."

"I told you I don't know," she said doggedly.
"You're either going to tell us where that woman lived," said Fisher, "or you're going to go to jail."

"I think," Bleeker interrupted, "we may be able to . . .
Griff whistled and clamped his hand on the publisher's arm.
"Keep out of it," he said, staring steadily at Stella Mockley. "You've got your chance—either take it or leave it."

"I've already told you," she said.
"I don't know."
Fisher strode across the room to the telephone, jerked the receiver off the hook with an air of brisk finality.

"I want," he said, "to talk with police headquarters."
The girl gave a half scream, stared at him with eyes that were wide and round.
"Out on Elm street," she said. "222 East Elm street."

The attorney spoke suavely into the telephone.
"Never mind," he said. "I wanted to try and find out about a parking lot I received, but I guess I had better call in person."

He dropped the receiver back on its hook and turned to the girl.
"That's better," he said. "Now I want you to understand one thing. If you hold out any little lie or how I don't let it—your going to go right to jail. Do you understand that?"

"Yes," she said. "I do now."
"I want to know," he told her, "who this Peter Malone, he talked with in the Cathay residence."
"With Frank Bliss, the chauffeur," she said.

"Was there any conversation about medicine or sickness or poison?"
"No," she said. "They talked about things that you couldn't understand."

Pete would say, "Did you do what I suggested, Frank?" and then Frank would evidently say "yes or no" and Pete would say "Where's the party we were talking about yesterday?" and then Pete would say "Do you think that any suspicion has been aroused?" and then Pete would say "The conversation was just like that. I'm not trying to tell you exactly what they were because I can't remember, but it was something like that—things that no one could understand that had been listening in."

Fisher smiled at her moodily.
"I'm wondering if you're telling the truth about that," he said.
"Yes," she said in a tone of voice that indicated all of the resistance that had been in her mind. "I'm not lying. I'm telling you the truth about everything now. It didn't seem to me that they'd been in on their secrets. If they had I'd probably have been killed by this time."

"And what happened to Pete?"
The attorney asked.
"He left. There were some telephone calls that came in late last night and one early this morning, and Pete called Frank at the Cathay residence and said, 'I've done my part of it. Now it's up to you to do yours, or something like that and then he packed his suitcase.'"

"Now did these telephone calls take place from your room here?" Fisher asked.
"Some of them did."
"How about the others?"
"They were from other places. Pete didn't seem to want to call from any one telephone too much. We'd be out to dinner in restaurants and he'd put in calls from the restaurant. Or sometime he'd stop in drug stores and put through the calls."

"Are you holding out anything on us?" asked Fisher. "Is there anything else that you know that you haven't told us?"
"I've told you every single thing," she said, raising her eyes mournfully. "And when Pete finds it out he's going to kill me."

"Obviously," Fisher said, "you think that this man, Pete, wouldn't stop at murder?"
"He wouldn't stop at anything," she said.
"Why did you keep on with him?"
"I don't know," she said. "There was some fascination that he had for me. I don't know what it was. Something that pulled me to him. It was an attraction at first and after that it was fear."

(To Be Continued.)

A \$50 cheque takes on sudden importance in the murder mystery in the next instalment.

CINEMA NEWS

NOTES FROM THE THEATRES

"Uncertain" Lady, the Universal production scheduled for a run of two days and opening to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre is a daring denouement of modern wives and children. The powerful heart appeal of this combination of man and boy, stirred millions of "The Champ" and recently with more dramatic intensity than in the pirate story. As Long John Silver, ferocious sea rider, Beery is chosen as a friend by young Cooper, portraying Jim Hawkins, boy adventurer. Their experiences together during the search for treasure are packed with thrills and paths that bring gasps and tears to everyone who sees them. Lionel Barrymore is ideal as the blustering and bullying old Billy Bones, who finally dies of heart failure when given the "black-spot" by the pirates. His make-up is especially interesting and is one of the most startling he has ever attempted. Captain Smollett who commands the ship H.M.S. Panto, on the treasure cruise, is played with conviction by Lewis Stone. Otto Kruger's forceful personality adds strength to the character of Dr. Livesey, who provides medical attention for the expeditions. The whimsical and half-mad Ben Gunn, who finds treasure while marooned on the island, is played with hilarious comedy touches by Charles "Chic" Slater. Nigel Bruce adds English bluster and vigor to the role of Trilby; tiny Sue Collins provides dozens of well known characters. Dozens of other distinguished players also distinguish themselves in the cast, including William V. Mong, Charles McNaughton, Edmund Breese, Douglas Dumbrille, Charles Irwin, Richard Powell and James Burke.

"100% Pure" Platinum blonde Jean Harlow returns to the screen in a rollicking picture that takes complete advantage of her unusual talents as a top-notch comedienne. Her new picture is the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production, "100% Pure" having its final showings to-day at the Queen's Theatre. The picture was especially written for Miss Harlow by Anita Loos and John Emerson. As Eddie Chapman, the ambitious showgirl who had to be "good" to be good, Miss Harlow gives one of her most entertaining performances of her career. Her big ambition is to meet a millionaire, fascinate him, and have the tell-tale ring placed on her finger. Miss Harlow finally "gets her man" after a series of hilarious situations, one of which lands her behind jail bars, the victim of a false charge. Farouk Tane appears as Tom, the rich man's son, and wins new screen honours as one of the most persistent lovers seen upon the screen for many months. Barrymore plays the character of T. E. Pudge, the capitalist, whose political career is almost ruined by one of Eddie's pranks. Lewis Stone, recognised as one of Hollywood's finest actors, does well with the brief role of Cousins, the ruined financier who offers to marry Eddie.

Harry Corring, Edgar Ulmer directed from a screenplay by Peter Ruric, suggested by the weird Edgar Allan Poe tale of the same name.

"Treasure Island"

Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper united again as a security offered in "Treasure Island," famous Robert Louis Stevenson pirate classic coming on Saturday to the Queen's Theatre. The powerful heart appeal of this combination of man and boy, stirred millions of "The Champ" and recently with more dramatic intensity than in the pirate story. As Long John Silver, ferocious sea rider, Beery is chosen as a friend by young Cooper, portraying Jim Hawkins, boy adventurer. Their experiences together during the search for treasure are packed with thrills and paths that bring gasps and tears to everyone who sees them. Lionel Barrymore is ideal as the blustering and bullying old Billy Bones, who finally dies of heart failure when given the "black-spot" by the pirates. His make-up is especially interesting and is one of the most startling he has ever attempted. Captain Smollett who commands the ship H.M.S. Panto, on the treasure cruise, is played with conviction by Lewis Stone. Otto Kruger's forceful personality adds strength to the character of Dr. Livesey, who provides medical attention for the expeditions. The whimsical and half-mad Ben Gunn, who finds treasure while marooned on the island, is played with hilarious comedy touches by Charles "Chic" Slater. Nigel Bruce adds English bluster and vigor to the role of Trilby; tiny Sue Collins provides dozens of well known characters. Dozens of other distinguished players also distinguish themselves in the cast, including William V. Mong, Charles McNaughton, Edmund Breese, Douglas Dumbrille, Charles Irwin, Richard Powell and James Burke.

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MILITARY WEDDING

COLOURFUL CEREMONY AT ST. ANDREW'S

Naval and military circles were well represented yesterday afternoon at the wedding of Lt. Samuel Edward Colyear Walker and Miss Majorie Elizabeth Wilkinson, which took place at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

The main feature of the special floral decorations in the Church was a bridal arch made of white chrysanthemums. The Rev. J. R. Higgs, R.C., officiated at the ceremony, while appropriate music was played on the organ by Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.R.C.M.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. H. P. Wilkinson, K.C., J.P., and Mrs. Wilkinson of Drumillyhagan, Tolernore, Co. Derry. Mr. Wilkinson was for many years Crown Advocate in China and Judge of the British Court in Wei-hai-wei. On his retirement to Ireland he became, as his father was before him, High Sheriff of his County. The bride's grandfather, the late Sir Hiram Wilkinson, B.L., was formerly Judge of the British Supreme Court in Japan. Later, he became Chief Justice of His Majesty's Court for China and Korea. On his retirement, he became Pro-Chancellor of Queen's University at Belfast.

The bridegroom, who is a Lieutenant in the 1st Bn. 8th Punjab Regiment, is the eldest son of Captain and Mrs. A. C. Walker of "Tara," Tiverton, North Devon. He is the grandson of the late Colonel T. Nicholas Walker of the Bengal Staff Corps.

Bride in Chiffon Velvet

The bride, who entered the Church on the arm of her father and was preceded up the aisle by the Rev. J. R. Higgs and the choir-boys, looked charming in an ivory-chiffon velvet gown made by the Salon des Modes. Worn with this gown was a beautiful old lace veil, a family possession, lent for the occasion by Mrs. Danzell, the bride's grandmother. The veil was held in place by a wreath of crystal leaves. The bride carried a sheaf of pale pink gladioli and silver leaves.

Attending the bride was Miss Beatrice Colyear Walker, sister of the bridegroom. She wore a mid-

night blue satin and silver lame gown, set off with a small hat of silver lame and silver sandals. She carried a spray of silver leaves.

The Bride's Mother

The bride's mother looked charming in a wine-coloured erpe gown worn with a wide brimmed velvet hat to match from "Felix." The duties of best man were undertaken by Captain J. H. Whelton of the 1st. 8th. Punjab Regiment.

The wedding ceremony was choral, the congregation joining in the singing of "Lead us, heavenly Father," "Love Divine," and "O, perfect Love."

After the wedding ceremony and the signing of the Register, the happy couple left the Church under an archway of swords held by the Indian officers of the 1st. 8th. Punjab Regt.

The wedding car, lent by Lt. Col MacPherson, was drawn to the Punjab Regiment Mess by the Signal Section of the Regiment. The 1st Bn. 8th. Punjab Regiment formed a guard from the Church to the Punjab Mess.

The reception was held on the lawn outside the Mess and music was provided by the Punjab Band.

Tonst to Happy Couple

In proposing the health of the happy couple Colonel D. St. J. Baxter said:

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On behalf of his wife and himself, the bridegroom thanked Colonel Baxter for his good wishes and proposed the health of the bridesmaid, Captain J. H. Whelton suitably responded for Miss Walker.

The bride's father thanked the officers of the Regiment for their kindness in holding the reception at their Mess and providing the Band.

Later, the happy couple left for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Manila. On leaving, Mrs. Walker wore a silver grey satin dress with short navy blue coat and small blue velvet hat.

MR. QUO TAI-CHI

TO OPEN NEW CHUNGHWA INSTITUTE

London, Dec. 18.

The Chinese Minister, Mr. Quo Tai-chi will open the new Chungghwa House in Pennyfields on December 22.

The Home has been founded by the Chinese colony as an educational and recreational centre for poor Chinese and a club for parents.

A large party will be held at the China Institute on Christmas Eve, after which Mr. Quo Tai-chi will leave London to spend his holidays somewhere on the sunny South Coast.—Our Own Correspondent.

Navy blue shoes, bag, gloves and grey fur coat completed the ensemble.

List of Guests

Among the guests present at the Church and the reception were Mrs. O. C. Barrett, Lt. B. L. E. Herbert, Colonel and Mrs. and the Misses Morris, Lt. Col. MacPherson, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Williamson, Captain and Mrs. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Keston, Colonel and Mrs. Doughty, Major and Mrs. MacIntyre, Major and Mrs. Withington, Major Mullaney, Captain and Mrs. Carter, Captain Dhal, Captain Jilani, Captain Fennell, Mr. Gardwallo, the Misses Goodair and Kealy, Mr. and Mrs. Kayll, Mr. Morris, Mr. Harland, Colonel and Mrs. Baxter, Major and Mrs. C. Campbell, Major and Mrs. Ledgerwood, Major and Mrs. Booley, Major Austin, Captain and Mrs. Bates, Captain Whelton, Captain and Mrs. Neavy, the Rev. J. R. Higgs, Mr. Quist (Consul General for the Netherlands), Mesdames Ham-mick, Coltart, Rivers and Corrie-Hill, Surg. Comdr. and Mrs. Gordon Taylor, Commander and Mrs. Walker, Major Brown, Surg. Comdr. and Mrs. Bertram, Comdr. and Mrs. Tuffnell, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Baker, Paymaster-Comdr. and Mrs. Horne, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Tours, Dr. and Mrs. Smalley, Mr. T. Marten, Mr. and Mrs. Calthrop, Mesdames Hole and Brewer, Surg. Lieut. Corbett, Lt. Comdr. Tod, Lieut. Walker, Lieut. and Mrs. Crouch, Lieut. George, Miss Tuxford, Mrs. Condor, Mrs. E. R. Hooper, and Mrs. Tarik Marshall.

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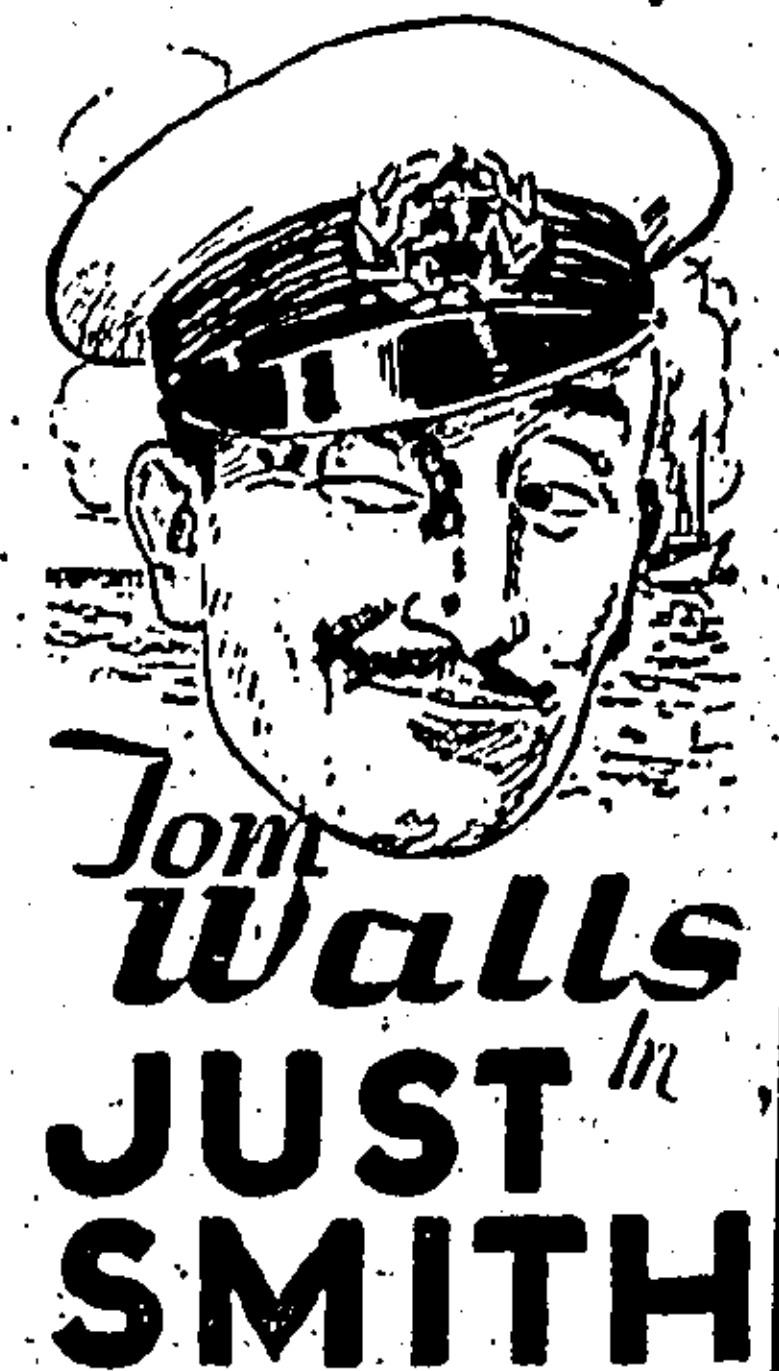
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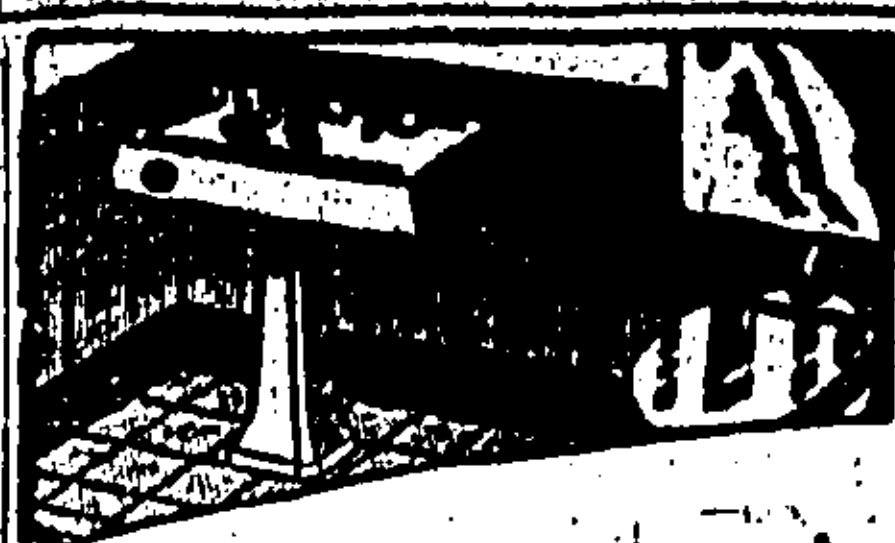
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EASTERN EUROPE PACT LAVAL'S OBJECTIVE

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Paris, Dec. 18.
The French Foreign Minister, M. Laval, revealed the text of the Franco-Soviet protocol furthering the interests of the Eastern Locarno Pact plan, during the Senate debate on the Foreign Ministry's appropriations to-day.

M. Laval reinvited Germany to collaborate in a collective pact "wherein she will be assured of obtaining the same guarantees which she accords to others."

"France follows a policy of peace, directed against nobody and excluding nobody," said the Foreign Minister.

"France," he continued, "will do nothing to justify the German belief that France practices a policy of isolation against Germany."—United Press.

PEACE GUARANTEE

A Franco-German rapprochement within the international framework of an Eastern European pact would be an effective guarantee of peace, declared M. Laval, French Foreign Minister, during his speech in the Senate to-day.

If Germany act in a manner which would make possible collaboration, a great step would be made towards the necessary reconciliation of the two peoples, he said.

Germany would shortly be reinvited to participate in an Eastern European Pact and, he replied would be a test of her sentiment and solidarity, he said.

NEEDS ITALY'S AID

M. Laval dwelt upon the need for Franco-Italian co-operation in the cause of peace.

He then read the text of the Franco-Russian protocol signed at Geneva on December 16, wherein both parties undertook not to embark upon negotiations leading to the conclusion of a bi-lateral or multi-lateral agreement, which might compromise the conclusion of an Eastern European Pact.—*Reuter*.

(Special to "Telegraph")

MUTUAL AID

London, Dec. 18.
Widespread interest has been aroused by the report in the newspaper *Star* that a Franco-Russian military and commercial agreement has recently been concluded which provides that if Russia is attacked by Japan France will undertake immediately to supply war materials not exceeding 4,000,000,000 francs in value, while in the event of a Franco-German war, the Soviet would supply grain to France to the same value.

It is also suggested that the pact proposes the exchange of air and military missions and co-operation between the general staffs, in much the same fashion as in the days of the Czarist regime.

This report is denied by the Soviet Embassy in London, while authoritative quarters in Paris declare it is foundationless and reiterate that there is nothing more between France and Russia than a diplomatic understanding to conclude no bi-lateral agreement with any third power as long as negotiations for an Eastern Locarno pact continue.—*Reuter Special*.

COMMUNIST THREAT

Shanghai, Dec. 19.
Foreigners arriving in Wuhu from the interior report that a body of about 6,000 armed Communists is attacking Kianghsien, about 45 miles south of Wuhu, and is moving in a northerly direction, according to the *North China Daily News*.

The report adds that H.M.S. *Ladybird* and a Japanese gunboat are in Wuhu.—*Reuter*.

JAPAN TO ABROGATE TREATY

TOKYO CABINET ACTION

FRANCE'S ATTITUDE

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

In the presence of the Emperor, the Privy Council plenary session to-day unanimously approved Japan's decision to abrogate the Washington Treaty.

The presentation of the formal notification to the State Department at Washington, D.C., is reported to have been postponed until after Christmas.—*Reuter*.

NOTIFICATION DELAYED

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

The draft notification for the renunciation of the Washington Naval Treaty was approved by the Privy Council to-day.

No haste, however, is expected in serving the notification to the interested Powers. Notification will be made shortly after Christmas, probably on December 27, instead of December 20, as was previously reported.—*Central News*.

FRANCE'S ATTITUDE

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Paris, Dec. 18.

France had always considered the Washington Naval Treaty no more than "a temporary necessity" and had refused to join Japan in denouncing it in order to avoid annoying Great Britain and creating discord, declared M. Pietri Minister for the Navy, speaking in the Senate debate on the Naval Budget to-day.

He declared that naval construction must be accelerated and insulated upon the necessity of the expenditure of 1,300,000,000 francs in 1935, compared with 900,000,000 francs in 1934, for the improvement of the fleet.

The Chamber of Deputies simultaneously was approving by a vote of 469 to 130 the Government's Bill providing 800,000,000 francs in supplementary credits for use in the purchase of armaments and explosives.—*United Press*.

MODERNISING WEAPONS

Paris, Dec. 18.

By 460 votes to 130 the Chamber of Deputies adopted a Bill providing supplementary credit of 800,000,000 francs for the modernisation of France's war materials.

A Socialist amendment which Premier Laval made a question of confidence, proposing that the state should manufacture arms and control the arms trade as from (Continued on Page 7.)



Lieut. S. E. C. Walker, of the 1st Battalion 5th Punjab Regiment, leaving St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday, with his bride, formerly Miss Marjorie Elizabeth Wilkinson. (Photo: Mao Cheung)

Silver Fall Explained By Wall Street

U.S. WITHDRAWING SUPPORT

WILL CHINA DEVALUE?

New York, Dec. 18.

The fall in silver prices is commented upon by the *Wall Street Journal*, which, reporting on today's stock market conditions, says:

Stocks were irregular and featured by the decline in silver mining issues, without particular pressure, due to the declining of silver here, in Montreal and in London on account of the reported withdrawal of official American bids from the London silver market owing to heavy speculative offerings, as well as rumours that China may devalue her silver dollar, which is, however, semi-officially denied, although the reports have adversely affected the Shanghai and Manchukuoan currencies.

Members of the Washington Treasury have declined to discuss the reports that bids have been withdrawn from London, reiterating that of necessity the greatest secrecy surrounds silver operations, to avoid market repercussions.

It is unofficially estimated, however, that more than 1,000,000,000 ounces are still lacking in order to establish the statutory reserve. London silver traders have discredited the reports, saying they understood that the United States bought silver to-day.—*Sloan, Culbertson and Fritz*.

LONDON DECLINE

Silver declined 5/16ths in London yesterday, this representing a fall of a halfpenny in two days.

The fall was chiefly due to heavy selling by China. India also sold, but speculators bought at the fall of prices, the market closing steady.

DOLLAR UNCHANGED

Despite the drop in silver, the Hongkong dollar remained unchanged this morning at 1s. 8 1/4d. Inter-bank business was done at 1s. 8 1/2d., whilst small business was done at 1s. 8 1/4d. for January.

The market opened on the easy side, but steadied up later, although the tone is still somewhat uncertain.

NEW COLONIAL SECRETARY

London, Dec. 18.

The Colonial Office announces that Mr. W. D. Battershill, Assistant Colonial Secretary at Jamaica, has been selected for appointment as Colonial Secretary of Cyprus, in succession to Mr. H. H. Heniker. Heaton, appointed Governor of the Falkland Islands.—*British Wireless*.

YUGO-SLAV CABINET RESIGNS

NATION FACES CRISIS

MILITARISTS MAY RULE

(Special to "Telegraph")

Belgrade, Dec. 18.

The Yugo-Slavian Government has resigned.

The Ministry's decision was reached at 8 o'clock last night and conveyed to the Regency by the President of the Council, M. Nikola Uzunovic.

The Cabinet crisis is one of the most important in Yugo-Slavia's history and will decide whether a civilian Government or the army generals shall rule the country.

The crisis was precipitated by V. Boguljub Jevitch, the Foreign Minister, who was angered by the refusal of some of the members

of the Cabinet to vote in approval of the Yugo-Slav-Hungarian compromise, recently reached at Geneva through the offices of Mr. Anthony Eden of Great Britain.

Baron Aloisi of Italy and M. Laval of France.

It was hoped that this compromise would remove the cause of friction between the two states which was an outgrowth of the assassination of King Alexander of Yugo-Slavia by terrorists who had sheltered in Hungary.—*United Press*.

SHIPPING CONFERENCE

London, Dec. 18.

It was stated in the House of Commons to-day that a preparatory committee would meet next January to prepare the agenda for an International Shipping Conference which it is hoped will take place later in the year.—*British Wireless*.

WATER SUPPLY RESTRICTION

Kowloon Is Not Affected

Further restrictions on the supply of water on the island are to come into force as from Friday.

The revised hours of supply will be from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Kowloon is not affected by the curtailment.

Communist Campaign In America

PLAN TO INCITE MUTINY

PRETTY WOMEN AS TOOLS

(Special to "Telegraph")

Washington, Dec. 18.

Brigadier-General Alfred T. Smith, head of the U. S. Army Intelligence Branch, told the House of Representatives Committee of Inquiry into the growth of Nazi and Communist influence in America to-day that the Communists had unsuccessfully attempted to weaken the army's and navy's morale.

The Communists' object, he said, was to create a situation within the country which would cause civil war or revolution in the event of the nation going to war with a foreign power.

He said that Communist influence had been discovered at work in an army post in 1932 and had spread to the National Guard and the Navy.

Commander V. L. Kirkman testified that Communists were using pretty women and literature in a scheme to incite mutiny and rebellion among the service ranks.—*United Press*.

RETROCESSION IN KULING

Nanking, Dec. 19.

It is learned in official circles that the Chinese diplomatic authorities have reached satisfactory arrangements with the British Minister for the retrocession of the British settlement at Kuling, the control of which will be transferred to the Kuling Administration Bureau.

According to terms of the Retrocession Agreement, after the retrocession is effected an advisory board consisting of six Chinese and five British members will be created to assist the Kuling Administration Bureau.—*Central News*.

AUSTRALIAN PROBLEM

London, Dec. 18.

The Public Petitions Committee of the House of Commons has recommended the appointment of a Special Select Committee to consider the petition of Western Australia for secession from the Australian Commonwealth.—*Reuter*.

MUSSOLINI KEEPS MONEY AT HOME

Rome, Dec. 18.

A decree has been issued banning the export of Italian banknotes and cheques payable either by Italy or its possessions.

The travellers, however, are allowed to take out of Italy up to 2,000 lire.—*Reuter*.

DRAMATIC RESCUE IN MID-OCEAN

GIANT LINERS REACH WRECK IN TIME

OIL SOOTHES SEA WHILE CREW IS TAKEN OFF

New York, Dec. 18.

The crew of sixteen of the Norwegian lumber carrier *Sisto*, a tiny, storm-battered hulk in mid-Atlantic, was successfully removed to the American liner, *New York* to-night.

With one feeble light burning, the *Sisto* was abandoned, in a sinking condition, and her weary crew slept between warm blankets aboard a luxury liner while the lumber carrier sank lower and lower under the weight of pounding seas.

The *Sisto* had been in distress for 24 hours, her rudder and bridge carried away and her boats gone.

When the British steamer *Mobilio* arrived her crew signalled that they wished to be taken off immediately. The *Mobilio* pumped oil to smooth the turbulent sea and make the way easier for rescue craft. The *Mobilio* was first on the scene.

Meanwhile, huge luxury liners were racing through the storm towards the small freighter. When they arrived the work of rescue commenced.

Under the searchlights of the German liner *Europa* and the *Aurania*, while great streams of oil were pumped towards the *Sisto*, a lifeboat from the liner *New York* was despatched to attempt the last difficult task of the rescue. All the members of the freighter's crew were taken aboard without mishap.—*Reuter*.

KEEPING ARMS OUT OF ENGLAND

London, Dec. 18.

Total prohibition of manufacture and export of "sub-machine guns" or "Tommy-guns," favourite weapon of the American gangster, is recommended by the Firearms Committee established by the Home Office to examine the law relating to definition and classification of firearms and ammunition.

The Committee states that there can be no legitimate use for such an extremely dangerous and deadly type of weapon as the sub-machine gun and that it should be excluded from the realm.

The Committee adds that it would suggest that the ordinary shotgun should continue to be free from restrictions regarding purchase and sale, but states that the police describe smooth bore pistols as being inexpensive and readily procurable.

WHAT MAKES THAT "BEST SELLER?"

By CECIL HUNT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury's humorous reference in a recent speech to the best-sellers that, given dictatorial powers, he would burn because they "lowered the standard of literature," adds interest to this survey of books which have been sensational—and unpredicted—successes. A best-seller is one of the wonders of the world; its formula almost as elusive as the elixir of life itself.

Picking winners on the course is a child's play compared with forecasting best-sellers. The favourites invariably fail; often they do not even start. Outsiders make incredible paces—and such outsiders!

Some years ago a reputable firm decided that in this publishing gamble there must be a system somewhere. They set out deliberately to find the four best-selling authors of the day. They had their most popular works analysed by experts, who sifted out all the ingredients that had achieved success.

They pooled the four results and commissioned a competent novelist to write a book which embodied all these apparent assets. He did it well; the firm were delighted. They advertised the "born best-seller" extensively. It was a complete flop.

Sales can never be the only criterion. There is always the psychological aspect, the effect the book has upon the masses, the place it wins in people's lives and conversation.

TIMES CHANGE

Nowadays, when authors are no longer called upon to part with the copyright of best-sellers for £20—as Charlotte M. Yonge did with "The Hilt of Redclyffe"—it is possible roughly to link that definite mass impression with a certain sales figure—say, 100,000.

Some best-sellers, one might say, are predestined. The author's fame or the unpremeditated topicality of the theme ensure attention. Others fall flat from the press and suddenly leap to huge sales several months after.

But these recognisable influences do not account for a title of the successes of a century, and it is no doubt the very eccentricity of the records that has prompted Mr. Desmond Flower to collect for the National Book Council data concerning the best-sellers of the last century.

His findings must give some misgiving. They accuse us of preferences we would gladly forget. At times they flatter us with most excellent judgment, and at others they suggest we are fickle to the point of craziness. They imply that at one time we want sickly sentiment, at another political satire; now sex, now spiritual epics. They reveal, if we look honestly, how few best-sellers survive the test of time.

Let us examine some of his later selections. "Little Lord Fauntleroy," first published in America, is prominent—a period novel with a vengeance, and how few could

name the author nowadays? Mrs. Humphry Ward's "Robert Ellesmere" sold 10,000 a month for many months. Jerome, when he wrote "Three Men in a Boat," was described as having perhaps the best name of all in the book shops, after Shakespeare's.

"The Mystery of a Hansom Cab," a phenomenal detective seller, first published in Australia, is soon followed by the evergreen Sherlock Holmes. So far the percentage of real survival is not considerable. I cannot imagine that Sarah Grand's "Heavenly Twins" still sells in quantity. Meredith at the time a publisher's reader, advised its rejection.

From that to the "Sorrows of Satan" by Marie Corelli is a far cry, but in between is placed a volume of enduring fame, Kipling's "Jungle Book." Not much conclusiveness about this selection—and the addition of Barrie, du Maurier, and Hall Caine scarcely clarifies the issue.

5,000,000 COPIES

Victoria Cross must be mentioned. Over 5,000,000 copies of her "Anna Lombard" have been sold. I imagine Lucien Malet's "Richard Calmedy" will endure much longer in readers' memories than in publishers' lists. Hornung, of "Amateur Cricketer" fame, is dated, but A. E. W. Mason, O. Henry, and P. G. Wodehouse, are still toppers.

One phenomenal seller Mr. Flower rightly mentions is "The Dop Doctor." It was a Boer War story which brought the author, "Richard Dehan," a letter from, and subsequent friendship with, Lady Baden-Powell. She wrote first congratulating the author on her deep insight into "R.P.'s" character. The author had never even met him!

As Miss "Clo" Graves, of course, she was already well known, and I remember sitting in her Sussex retreat where birds flew in and out of her room, and hearing of how, a week after the book was published, she was chatting with a friendly bookseller who admired her work. In reply to her inquiry as to whether anything was selling, the man replied: "Only 'The Dop Doctor'—by some interloper!"

Skipping a few years, could any two books be more contrasting than Anita Loos's "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" and S. M. Hutcheson's "If Winter Comes," and "The Bridge of San Luis Rey," a best-seller is an asset to literature. But by the same token it is completely incomprehensible. Still, who would "make a book" without a risk? Not publishers, surely, nor even real authors. To them it is the precious life-blood of the game.



Tens of thousands of Japanese welcomed Babe Ruth to Tokyo with a frenzy of enthusiasm that sports celebrities seldom have encountered anywhere in the world. The milling mob swarmed in the streets, surrounded his car and practically brought it to a standstill. Babe is shown at right, vociferously greeting his welcome with shouts and waving hand in reply to their "Banzai!"

publication orders by the trade.

"JEW SUSS"

After all, why should "Jew Suss" sell? It was by a German practically unknown in this country, and both author and book had names difficult to pronounce. These small points have considerable bearing upon the psychology of selling. It was incredibly long, foreign in setting and it looked heavy and forbidding. The trade was right in being scared of it; the public was right in discerning an eminently worthy best-seller.

"All Quiet on the Western Front" made most modern records look childish, but I doubt its endurance beyond the Great War generations. It is possible that the moving humanity of Desings's "Sorrell and Son," equally a "timely" novel, will outlast it.

"All Quiet" apart, Priestley's "Good Companions" holds most post-war records, but I would give the greater "expectation of life" to his "English Journey."

Clearly best-seller ability is an elusive genius, but by no means synonymous with it. There are many books even the broadest brow would be glad to forget, but book buyers have had their triumphs. Any nation that can make "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" a best-seller is an asset to literature. But by the same token it is completely incomprehensible. Still, who would "make a book" without a risk? Not publishers, surely, nor even real authors. To them it is the precious life-blood of the game.

FATALITY INJURED PEDESTRIAN

LOOKED AT VICTIM AND DROVE ON

An allegation that a woman motorist, aged 78, who knocked another woman down, got out of her motor-car, looked at her, and drove on, was made at an inquest at Paddington recently concerning the death of Miss Charlotte Bentrice Spalding, 77, of Gordon Place, Kensington.

The motorist was Mrs. Mabel Constance Gausson, a widow, of Howlands, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, and it was stated she was following another car in Brunswick

Gardens, Kensington, when the accident occurred. The first car was turning into Vicarage Gate and it obstructed her view of Miss Spalding. She was crossing the road and Mrs. Gausson's car knocked her down.

Mrs. Gausson's speed was alleged to have been 30 miles an hour, and it was said that, after getting out and looking at the injured woman, she got back into her car and drove on, until she was stopped by the river of the first car.

Police Constable Reeve said that when he informed Mrs. Gausson that she had committed a very serious offence in driving away, she said: "I had a very important engagement for lunch. I thought I would cancel it and come back later on."

"SILLY" SUGGESTION
Mrs. Gausson, an alert woman for her years, was cautioned by



Official celebration of the recent Government victories against the Reds in Kiangsi and Fukien were carried out by public bodies in Shanghai who arranged a series of events. Our picture shows a portion of the motor car procession which, decorated with flags and slogans, wound its way through the native city.

the Coroner (Mr. Ingleby Oddie) before giving evidence. She said it was "silly" to suggest she was going at 30 miles an hour, she put it at 15 or 20 miles. The woman suddenly came right in front of her car and she had no chance to avoid her. She pulled up in 10 yards. She intended returning after she had been to a house near by.

The Coroner said he had frequently observed that it would be a good thing if overtaking at pedestrian crossing-places were prohibited. Had it been, this woman would not have lost her life.

The jury returned a verdict that the woman died from injuries received when she was knocked down by a motor-car driven negligently by Mrs. Gausson, but that the

TOWER OF TRAGEDY

Paris, Dec. 10.

Whatever his enemies thought of the late Field Marshal von Hindenburg, the Eiffel tower was dignified the day after his death and dropped a long black banner in the breeze until sunset. The man who took the tricolour down and put the universal emblem up is Eugene Marcel, chief mechanic of the tower and last survivor of the 99 technicians who directed its erection in 1887. He then had but a minor job, as he was only 14 years old.

He has seen nine persons leap to death from the third (highest)



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storey, which is just over 900 feet. He saw five leap from the second storey. One was a woman with child, who landed on the roof of the first storey. The child died, the roof was severely damaged but the mother lived. About a hundred persons have leaped off the tower to death since its erection.—United Press.

negligence was not gross and culpable. They added a rider saying that no one as old as 78 should be allowed to drive.

Mr. Rhymers, who appeared for Mrs. Gausson, said she had not driven since the accident, and she was of opinion that she had come to the age when she should give it up.

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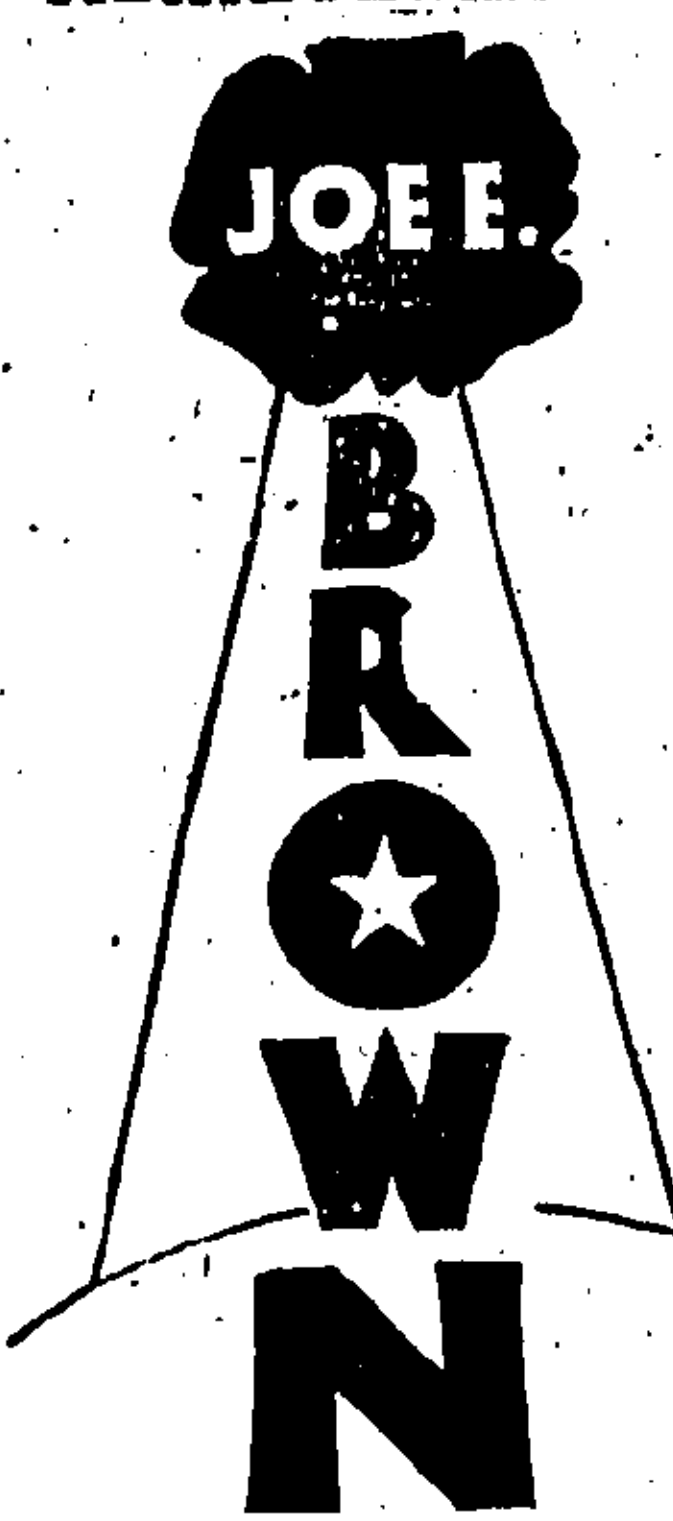
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Geneva	15.25	15.25 1/2
Berlin	12.29 1/2	12.29 1/2
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Oslo	617	617
Athens	67.13/16	67.27/32
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New York	4.93 1/2	4.94 1/2
Amsterdam	7.30	7.30 1/2
Vienna	26 1/2	26 1/2
Prague	118 1/2	118 1/2
Bucharest	40 1/2	40 1/2
Hongkong	107 1/16	107 1/16
Brussels	21.12	21.12
Stockholm	1/6.1/16	1/6.1/16
Copenhagen	1/2.1/64	1/2.1/64
Lisbon	4 1/4	4 1/4
Yokohama	39 1/2	39 1/2
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Montevideo	4.88 1/2	4.89 1/2
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YOUNG GIRL'S LAPSE

ATTRIBUTED TO LOVE AFFAIR

A young girl's lapse was attributed to a love affair, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when Tsai Fung-lin, aged 20, was brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, charged with the theft of between \$350 to \$400, a string of pearls, two pearl rings and a Wing-On bank book.

The complainant was Wong Lai-wan, the defendant's aunt, of No. 4 Shumchun Street, first floor. On the appearance of the defendant in the dock, dressed in a green coat and a black coat, the Magistrate remarked that the girl looked very respectable, and ordered her to be let out of the dock.

The girl, on being charged pleaded guilty, but would not say anything when she was asked why she had committed the offence.

Detective-Sergeant Kennedy, who appeared for the prosecution, stated that the defendant was arrested on a warrant, which had been sworn by the defendant's aunt, who had now relented and did not wish to see the girl imprisoned. The defendant took the money in the absence of the complainant. The defendant's parents were both dead, and she had been brought up and had lived with her aunt.

The complainant stated that she did not wish to press the charge, and alleged that the defendant's boy friend was responsible for what had been done. It was alleged that the boy's name was Lee, but the girl denied this, and said that his name was Cheung.

The Magistrate: Why did you steal this money? You are a stupid girl; I would advise you not to associate with such bad people.

The defendant was bound over in a personal bond of \$100 for a period of six weeks, to come up for judgment.

U.S. MAY STOP TIN EXPORTS

(Special to "Telegraph")

Washington, Dec. 18.—The heavy exports of scrap tin from the United States, chiefly designated for Japan, has led to the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs sub-Committee to investigate the tin commerce and examine the desirability of placing an embargo on exports of this commodity as a conservation measure. — United Press.

REWARD OFFERED

A reward of \$250 is being offered for the arrest of the thief or thieves concerned in the robbery of jewellery from the residence of the Chief Justice at 372 The Peak.

"Do you eat shoes?" queried Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning when Chan Kyal, unemployed, pleaded guilty to the theft of a pair of leather slippers from a hawker in Possession Street. Defendant stated he stole because he wanted something to eat. One month's imprisonment was given.

BANKRUPT GETS DISCHARGE

OTHER CASES BEFORE COURT

George Robert Wittich obtained his discharge from bankruptcy this morning by order of the Chief Justice, Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor, who imposed a suspension period of three calendar months.

The Official Receiver, Mr. J. J. Hayden, said that 20 per cent. of the debts had been paid and another 18 per cent. was being paid. The highest creditor was M. Singh, money-lender. Debtor had signed for double the amount borrowed from him and had paid interest at the rate of 60 per cent. per annum. M. Singh had been paid back about 80 per cent. of the actual money borrowed.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, of D'Almada Remedios & Silva, opposed an unconditional discharge.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs. D'Almada, appearing for another creditor, said it was rather unfair that an honest tradesman could recover only 38 per cent. while the money-lenders had been paid much more, not on the nominal sum, but on the actual amount lent.

The Chief Justice expressed his regret that the Bankruptcy Ordinance did not enable him to grant a discharge forthwith.

NO NOTICE

An application for the annulment of the adjudication order made in respect of the Kung Cheung Loong firm was made on behalf of unsecured creditors by Mr. J. T. Prior, Wilkinson & Grist.

During the case Mr. F. G. Nigel, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, appeared and said he was representing the trustee but had no notification, beyond a formal circular, that the case was to be heard.

His Lordship remarked that six months had elapsed since the case was last before the Court and it would be adjourned again in order that Mr. Nigel might represent his client.

OTHER CASES

A receiving order was made following the adjourned hearing of Henry C. Best.

Debtor stated that his liabilities amounted to \$7,570 and his assets were \$1,500. With the assistance of relatives he maintained a wife and two children.

The Official Receiver Mr. J. J. Hayden, did not oppose the petition.

An application for release of trusteeship was made in respect of Keng Kwai-ting, trading as the Kwong Hing Firm. The application was granted on behalf of Charles Marion Soares was granted.

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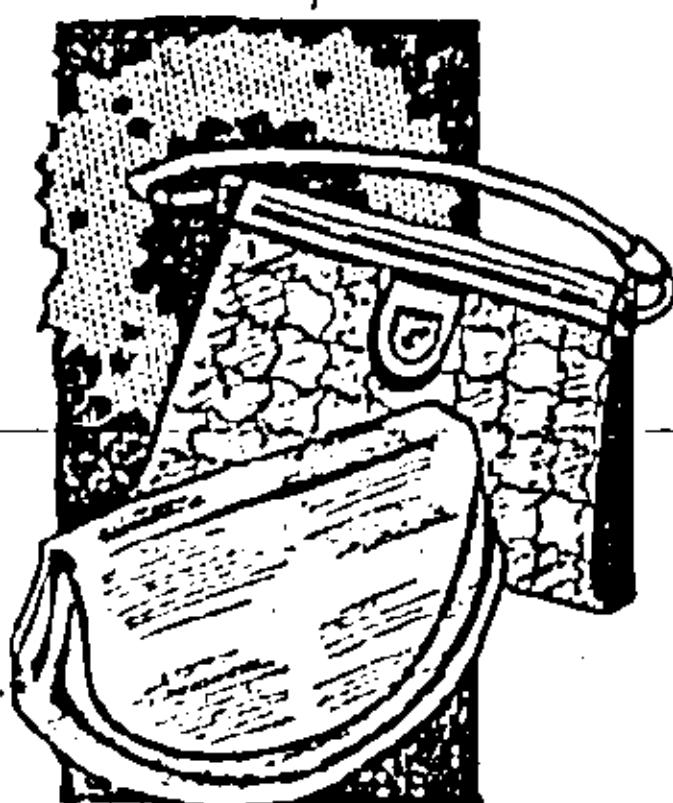


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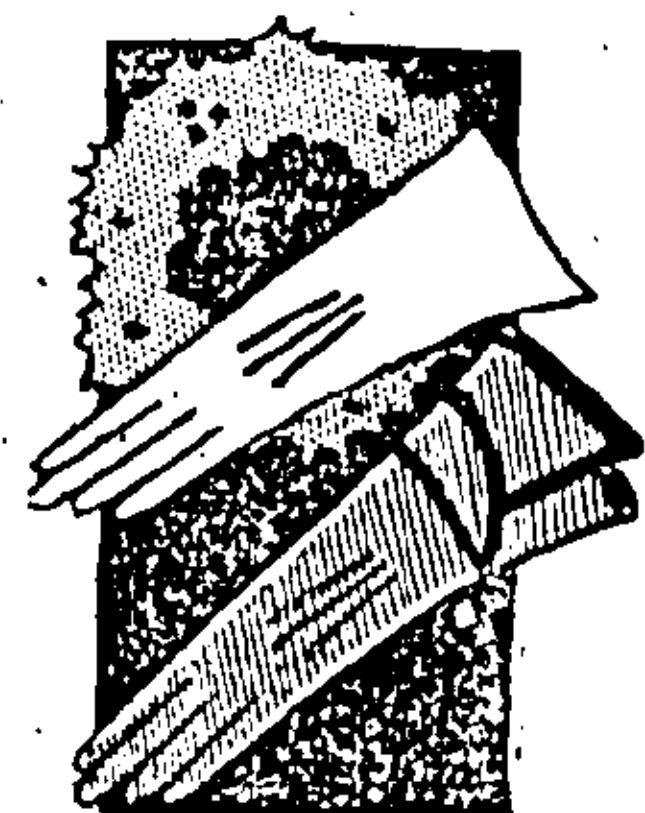
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COURT ANNULS ORDER

JUDGE'S DECISION IN BANKRUPTCY

The adjudication order made in respect of the Nam Yuen Restaurant and Lam Yue-tat, managing partner, was annulled in the Bankruptcy Court this morning by the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice A. D. A. MacGregor who gave judgment following argument at the previous Court.

His Lordship said:—This is an application by the Official Receiver under Section 33 (1) of the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1931, for an order that the adjudication made in this case be annulled on the grounds that the assets for distribution among the unsecured creditors after payment of all costs, charges and expenses, will not be sufficient to pay a dividend of 15 per cent.

There is no opposition to the application save that of a secured creditor, and it is not disputed that the amount available for distribution is insufficient to pay anything like the statutory figure of 15 per cent.

Mr. Armstrong bases his opposition on the provision in that part of the second schedule to the Ordinance which deals with proof by secured creditors and particularly on Rule 12 (b) in that Schedule.

CREDITORS' RIGHTS
The object of bankruptcy is to secure, under the aegis of an official appointed for that purpose, that the available assets of an insolvent will be distributed equitably among his unsecured creditors. A secured creditor does not, by reason of an adjudication, lose his right to recover against his security, nor can he claim to participate in the available assets unless he first realises his security and thereafter proves as an unsecured creditor for the balance.

English legislation contains no provision analogous to that in our local Ordinance regarding a fund sufficient to pay 15 per cent. of the unsecured debts, but it does make provision for the annulment of an adjudication in either of two events: where in the opinion of the Court a debtor ought not to have been adjudged bankrupt or where the debts of the bankrupt have been paid in full.

I have been unable to find any authority for the proposition that in a case where either adjudication has been obtained by an abuse of the process of the Court, or the bankrupt has paid in full all proved unsecured debts, an adjudication will not be annulled by reason of the fact that by such annulment a secured creditor will lose the benefit of the 12th rule in the Second Schedule to the Ordinance. The reason, I think, is not far to seek. The law provides that in certain events this Court is entitled in its discretion to annul an adjudication and that discretion will be exercised either for the protection of the Court itself, in the interests of a bankrupt who is no longer insolvent, or for the general benefit of the creditors and the Official Receiver.

ANNULMENT EFFECT
The effect of annulment in this case may be, as Mr. Armstrong has cogently argued, that the secured creditors must suffer, but they would have suffered in exactly the same way if the debtor had paid his unsecured debts in full and had then absconded from the jurisdiction.

Rule 12, of the Second Schedule, is in my opinion, a procedure rule, only, setting up an alternative machinery for the benefit of secured creditors in a bankruptcy. I am unable to hold that it confers on a secured creditor an overriding right sufficient to deny the Court in such a case as this the exercise of the discretion conferred on it by Section 33 (1) of the Ordinance, the order of adjudication in this case is annulled.

KINDERGARTEN FESTIVAL

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A most enjoyable Christmas Festival was held at the "Loloma" Kindergarten, Kowloon, this morning, when the pupils entertained their parents with nursery rhymes, short sketches and songs.

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The Percussion Band was splendid in the rendering of "Polly Put the Kettle On," "Upon Paul's Steeple," and "Baa, Baa Black Sheep." The children showed a fine sense of time and rhythm.

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REPUTED THIEF

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Three months' hard labour was the sentence imposed on Ho Ping, 28, unemployed, by Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning on a charge that, being a reputed thief, he was found loitering in Connaught Road with intent to steal.

Detective-Inspector J. Murphy, prosecuting, stated that when searched by a detective in the street, a razor blade was found in the defendant's right pocket.

Ho Sam, the detective, who made the arrest, told the Magistrate that he saw the defendant looking into a person's pockets. He followed him.

Defendant admitted five previous convictions for theft, two of which were for stealing from the person.

Defendant: I hope your Worship will give me chance this time. The blade was merely found in my pocket.

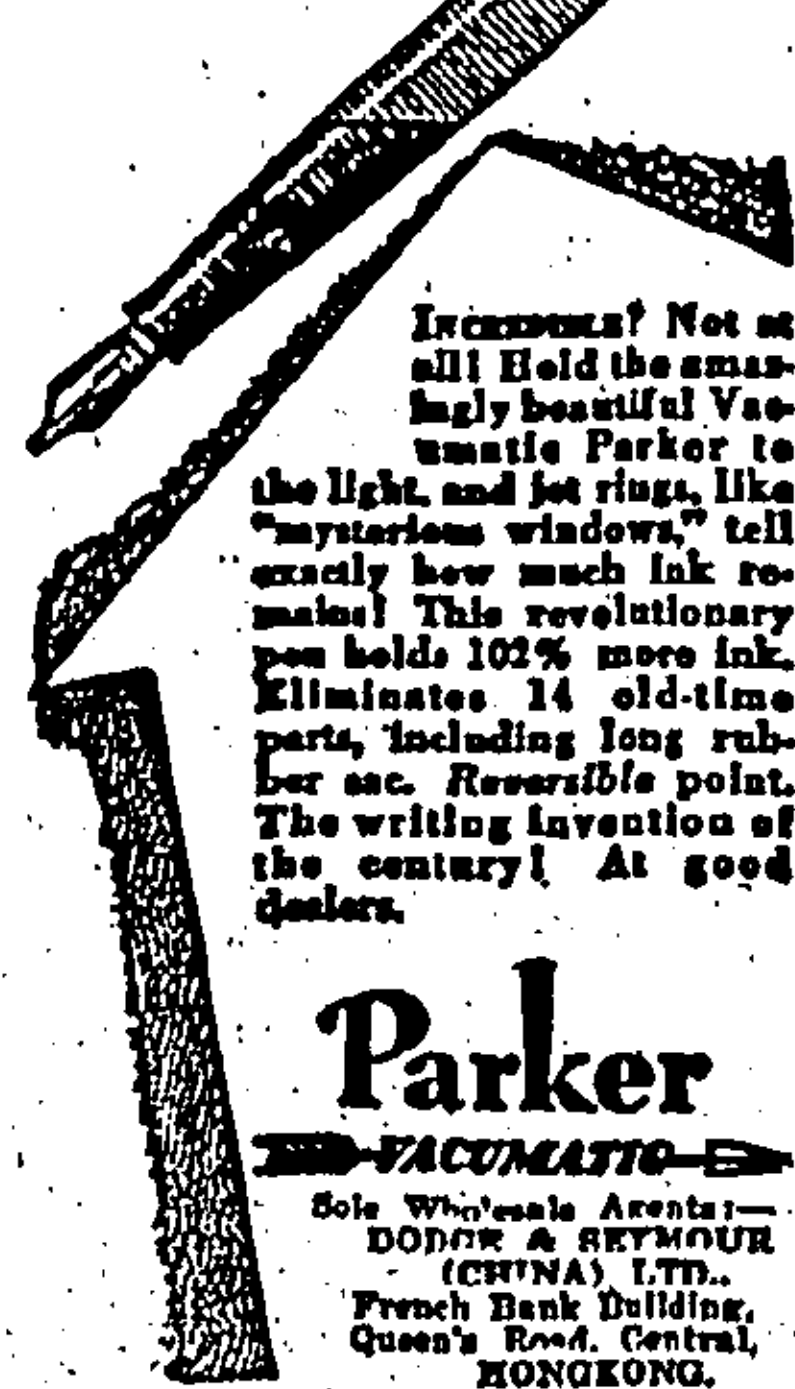
The Magistrate: How on earth did the defendant avoid being banished? What an extraordinary thing.

Defendant: I have always maintained that I was born in Aberdeen district.

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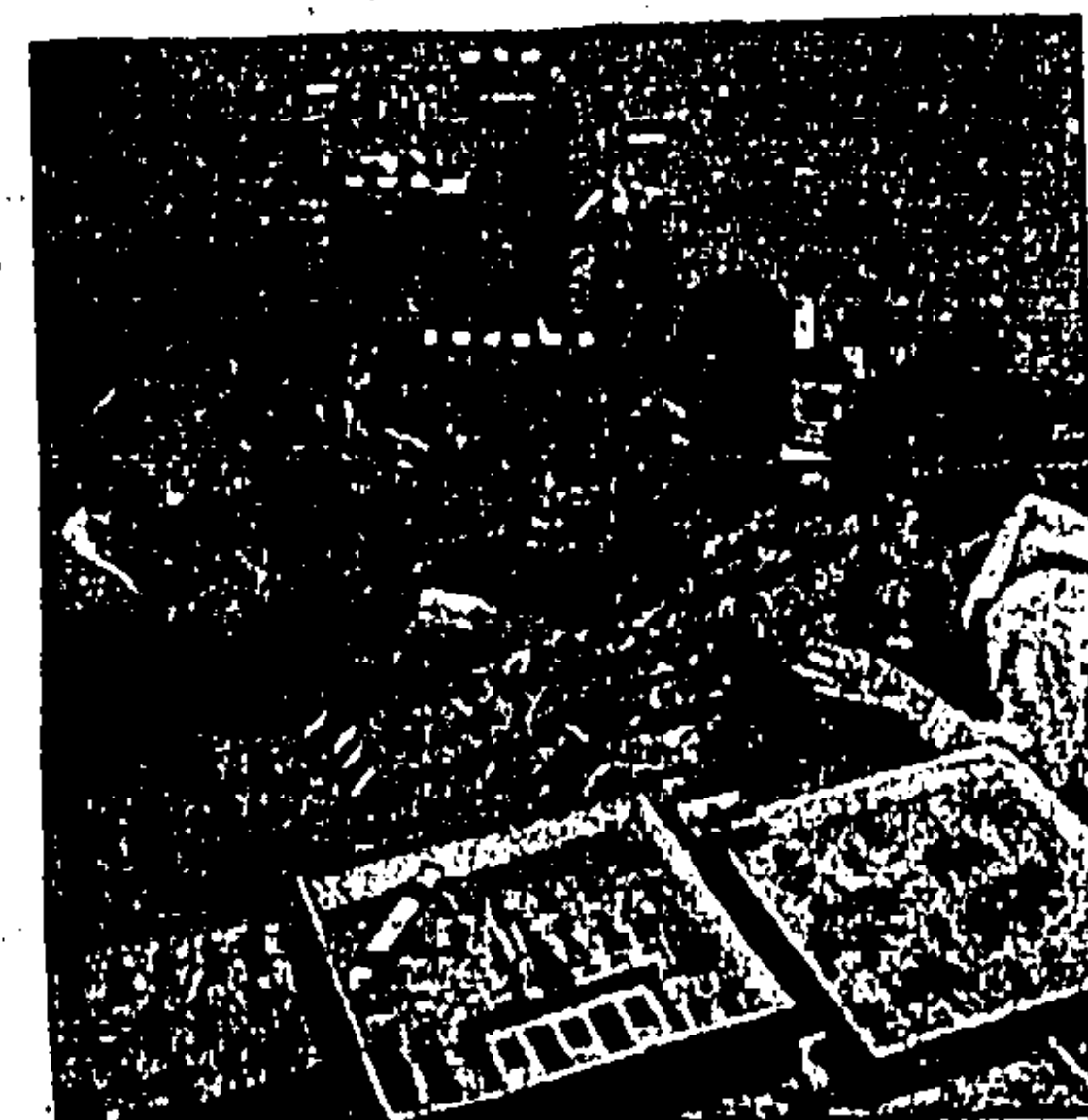
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SILVER WEDDING.

HICKS-PEARCE.—At the Union Church, Hongkong, on December 19, 1934, by the Rev. C. H. Hickling, Alfred, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hicks, of Truro, Cornwall, England, to May, elder daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Trevarthen Pearce, and of Mrs. Edward Rogers, of Roskear, Camborne, Cornwall, England. Present. Address: Repulse Bay Hotel, Hongkong.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19, 1934.

A VITAL BALLOT

Despite the fact that there is a reluctance in some quarters to approve of the Peace Ballot which is being conducted in England with a view to ascertaining what the public thinks on questions aimed at the prevention of war, strong hopes are entertained that the outcome will be such a strong expression of popular opinion that the Government will be forced to take notice of it. There are five simply-phrased questions in the ballot, and one to which special attention is being directed is whether if one nation attacks another, other nations should combine to compel it to stop by means of (a) economic and non-military measures, or (b), if necessary, by military action. In effect, this is merely asking the public to state whether it approves of the use of existing machinery, devised by the League of Nations, but never yet brought into force, for dealing with unjustified aggression. When the question is dispassionately viewed, it must be conceded that the drive towards war can only be checked in one way. The alternative of international anarchy is the collective system established by the Covenant of the League of Nations and the Briand-Kellogg Pact. This not only outlaws war and provides for all-round disarmament, but furnishes machinery for the pacific settlement of all international disputes. Moreover, it enjoins common action for the restraint of aggression. The urgent need of the present time is to re-establish general confidence that the principles of this collective system will be observed and carried out by Governments and peoples in their relations with one another. Nothing is more likely to contribute powerfully towards this end than a definite demonstration that the British people, having considered and faced the issue, had consciously and deliberately decided against the old system of alliances, competition in war preparation, profiteering in armaments, and international anarchy, and were determined to insist on Government adherence to these principles. The questions contained in the peace ballot raise in a simple and practical form the fundamental principles of a constructive peace policy, in which everyone has a vital interest. Nearly forty important national organisations of the most varied character are

NOTES OF THE DAY
BUYING PROSPERITY

There may be some things money cannot buy, but five members of the United States Cabinet and a good number of advisers of one sort and another, believe that the country can purchase prosperity—at the trifling cost of U.S.\$105,000,000,000, or £21,000,000,000. The proposal, according to reports from New York, is that the United States, through a vast programme of public works expenditure spread over a period of twenty-five years, shall put every able-bodied man in every state in the Union back to work. Such an object everyone will applaud. The difficulty will be raising the necessary dollars from a community which already considers itself over-taxed. Or is it possible that the Cabinet has in mind some reform by which it will draw more money in the federal treasury: that the wealth of the nation may be redistributed? There have been hints of a tendency toward a new socialism at Washington; nothing radical, mark you, but a mere modernizing of Marxian methods. This may be the first intimation of the national administration's aim.

FANCY FIGURES

There are some who will smile at the American's tossing about of fantastic figures. But there is nothing very far-fetched in this billion-billion dollar recovery programme. The cost would be stretched over a quarter of a century. America can find the money. The British people spent more than one-third as much in less than a quarter that time, but for a different purpose—war. Up to the Spring of 1919 Great Britain and her Dominions had paid £7,600,000,000 into the War account, which is to say they were spending at a rate of approximately £2,000,000,000 a year. America proposes to spend less than £1,000,000,000 a year. Both these figures are in the nature of emergency expenditures and are in addition to the ordinary cost of government, of course, and America would be painfully straining to meet such a commitment, but, we repeat, it can be done, and it is quite possible that it would be sound economics, and the solution of the American unemployment problem. To some it may sound like a remedy for desperate ills, and while the United States cannot be looked upon as a nation facing bankruptcy and revolution, nevertheless, her condition is such that the Administration may not hesitate to use a desperate remedy.

TALK OF SECESSION

A Western Australian deputation which is now in London has stirred up British Empire problems of consequence. Western Australia's demand to-day, like that of the Confederate States in 1861, is to be allowed to secede from a duly constituted federation. Britain is concerned in two ways. King George V is just as much King of the Australian Federated Commonwealth, which Western Australia wants to leave, as he is of England. He cannot regard with indifference the commonwealth dispute that has arisen. The British Parliament comes in because it passed the Constitutional Act of 1900 which created this commonwealth. The Western Australian deputation has arrived at an awkward moment for the British Government. This is because that authority is trying just now to persuade its by no means altogether complaisant followers to agree to set up in India a federation comparable to that which Western Australia says has failed in its own case. The British Government might like, in these circumstances, to tell the Australians to settle their own affairs. But Western Australia has a case that is not easily dismissed. It claims to be legally entitled to a hearing in England on the ground that as matters stand the British Parliament is alone competent to change the constitution of the Australian Commonwealth. Some legal authorities hold that this competence would be transferred to the Australian Parliament at Canberra if Australia ratified—as it has not yet done—what is known as the Statute of Westminster, an act passed by the British Parliament in 1931 to implement its declared intention of giving complete independence to such federations as that created by the Act of 1900. But it is not expected that a way out will be found by Australia's agreeing to such ratification now.

co-operating in the work involved in the ballot, which, incidentally, has received the warm endorsement of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, of the President of the National Free Church Council, of the Chief Rabbi, and of virtually every other religious leader, to say nothing of prominent public men in all spheres of life. The result of the ballot will be awaited everywhere with the keenest interest and concern, and it will assuredly represent a most valued expression of what the public thinks on the biggest problem of the day.

WORLD'S WEIRD WEDDING
SUPERSTITIONS

By HELEN SIMPSON

Few brides or bridegrooms approach the wedding ceremony completely free from the superstitions which in the course of centuries have gathered round marriage. Many of them date from great antiquity. My small daughter said to me the other day, turning my wedding ring round and round: "But why do you only wear it on this finger?" I gave her the answer my mother gave me to the same question, and which has been given thus for a couple of thousand years. People thought that a vein ran from the third finger direct to the heart, and thus heart and hand were both embraced by the ring. An old writer says that the thumb is too busy, the little finger not sufficiently honourable, the forefinger too little protected, the middle finger is used for scratching; therefore the third finger bears the ring.

Why wear a ring at all? Because, without beginning or ending, it is the symbol of eternity and so of married love. To lose it is, for a woman, horribly unlucky, since it means losing at the same time her husband's affection; to break it means death. But as for wearing thin, there is a pretty proverb of Queen Elizabeth's day which I hope is true, for it tells us:

As your ring wears
So pass your cares.

These ring questions started another train of thought in my head. Where do our white ribbons and favours come from? why do we have them at all? And why that old shoe which even the most vigilant departing bridegroom cannot always prevent being hung at the back of his car? The favours are easy to interpret; their colour signifies virginity, and the true lovers' knots are tied to recall the knot in which Roman brides tied their girdles.

As for the shoe, it is an old custom twisted. Once, a long while ago, the bridegroom's shoe was laid on the bride's head as a sign that she should be subject to him; and then thrown to be scrambled for by the guests. The boy or girl who caught it would be married within the year. In Yorkshire they used, once, to pelt the bride and bridegroom with old shoes, an uncomfortable custom.

History does not relate if the shoes were picked up afterwards and kept for luck, but probably, having touched the married pair, they retained something of wedded happiness.

Now for that most popular superstition of all:

Marry in May.

You rue the day.

That is left over from Roman times. In May were held in Rome the great feasts of the dead, and I suppose it went against ordinary good feeling to rejoice at such a time.

A good many English people will not be married on a Friday, just as sailors do not care to set out to sea on that day; yet in Scotland it is, or was, a favourite day for weddings. The English proverb says that a Friday moon brings foul weather, and, taking this with that best known saying of all:

Happy the bride the sun shines on

we may suppose that the English are trying to give their brides a chance of sun.

How can they reconcile this with the notion, very widely held, that it is lucky for a bride to cry at her wedding? In the Tyrol they go so far as to have a special handkerchief ready, blessed for the purpose. I believe that this comes from the days when a belief in witchcraft included the certainty that no witch could weep more than three tears, and those from her left eye.

A tearful bride, though her appearance might suffer, did at least afford her husband proof that she was not in league with Satan.

From that period and earlier, from a time when even in church men had to be prepared against sudden danger, comes the custom of the bride standing at her husband's left hand, and taking his left arm as she goes down the church from the altar. His right, the sword hand, was thus left free to defend her.

I came across a new superstition that other day. Bubbles in water or tea, said my informant, mean kisses when a married woman pours out. Does this explain the astonishing popularity of champagne at wedding? I recommend soda water to the teetotal bride.

Once in a bride's bouquet I found, tucked away among the orange blossom, a sprig of rosemary. I asked her about it; she laughed and would not answer, and for a long time I could find nobody who knew what its significance might be.

At last an old lady in a cottage enlightened me. "Why," said she, "where rosemary grows thick, the woman wears the breeches." I wonder if the husband of that bride understood the omen of her sweet-scented bouquet?

There is a legend not very different from this in Cornwall, concerning the Well of St. Keyne. Whichever one of the pair first drank its waters, said tradition, should reign in the house. I was told of a bridegroom once, who ungallantly left his wife at the church door and legged it for the well.

She watched unmoved, and when her relatives urged her to join the race took from her bosom a tiny bottle of the water of St. Keyne which she had brought with her to church, and drank it at her ease while he panted out of sight. She deserved, it seems to me, to order that household.

There is no end to the superstitions in regard to marriage. The fact is, it is one of those events in which nobody can help being interested. It is difficult, always, to put such excitement or such interest into words; and so we put it into deeds. It is easier to throw an old shoe than to say good-bye face to face.

It is pleasant to think that sunshine will bring happiness; or that by the single expedient of refusing to be married in May bliss must ensue. Who knows? The will to be happy is much; and if these small symbolic actions serve to strengthen that will, then there is still something to be said for their continuance.



"It's only 12 o'clock. I don't see why we always have to be the first to go home."

The Very Idea!

A HEART CRY

By George

DEAR George, I am writing to appeal to you to give us the rest of the serial of the Piratess of Bias Bay which you began in your column a fortnight ago.

Our Hilda says that you left Gladys on an empty barrel of samshu but Tommy says that she was just going to head a taipan in shorts and top hat.

For myself I never read your rotten column, but as one gentleman to another I appeal to you to put us out of the suspense which is threatening to cause a break in our family.

We have never had such trouble in our home since Hilda caught measles and Tommy had to go to school while she stayed at home. Yours, etc.,

Hamstrung Husband. P.S. If you are tied up for the next movement my wife suggests that you put some clothes on the tripod and make him marry Gladys who then returns home to the Colony and lives happy ever after on the mid levels.

In response to this heart-rending cry from the pen of an admirer, we are obliged to take up our cutlens again to hew a way through the enigma of the Hollywood Girl Turned Pirate.

Chapter 8

As the taipan turned the corner and came upon us sitting on the barrel of samshu he seemed to become conscious of his grotesque attire.

After all shorts and a top hat are not in the best taste at Bias Bay this season where the fashions of Swatow and Amoy are beginning to have their effect on the Pirate mode.

"Hallo, Theo!" called Gladys, cracking her knees as she rose.

Theo blushed and fled, and no blandishments could recall him until he had raked out an old and faded school tie with which to cover up his nudity. Then we sat down for half an hour at crib while Gladys gave orders for a rumpus to be got ready immediately.

(Don't miss the end of this serial which is beginning to get out of hand. Shall we marry Gladys herself or leave her to Theo? Anyway what would we do with a girl like that? There will be action and romance, love and hate in our next soul shattering instalment so watch out!)

DUMB-BELLES LETTRES

By Juliet Lovell

The Nerve Of Some People



I have been reading in the papers about your game with the Trojans.

Pop Warner, Football Coach Stanford University

I am an old rancher and I have always been a great admirer of Herbert Hoover, Stanford and Pop Warner. I have never seen a football game and don't know anything about it but I have been reading in the San Francisco papers about your game with the Trojans and I have come to the conclusion that you do not understand the game. Since we all learn by our experience I suggest that you make a thorough and intensive study of football.

Yours truly

Leonard Stoppard

(Signed)

The Ideal Applicant

Dec. 1, 1934.

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Villagers' Din Foils Raiders

ATTACKERS FLEE WITH ONLY \$30

SIGNAL ROCKETS GIVE ALARM

When armed raiders entered Shing Yuk village, in the Tai Chung section of the New Territories district of Pinghean, late on Monday night, an Elder, Shing Lin-kwong, sent up two very lights as a signal for police assistance.

The raiders, five in number, fired a volley of shots as they escaped in the direction of Wong Chau, scared by a din created by villagers shouting and blowing whistles.

A woman, the wife of Shing Chiu-cheung, a blacksmith and one of the new Hongkong and Shanghai Bank site in Hongkong, states that the men forced their way into her hut where they remained for some 15 minutes, searching for valuables, until disturbed by police whistles.

At about this time, the Village Elder, whose suspicions were aroused by the unusual noise, came out from his house, and saw one of the raiders apparently keeping a sharp look-out whilst his companions were engaged in ransacking the woman's hut. This man then gave an alarm which caused the others to run away.

SHOTS FIRED

The raiders fired three or four shots from small arms with apparently no other aim than to deter the villagers from following as they ran down the road.

Later investigations would appear to show that the band doubled back on its tracks, and went to Wong Chau creek, from which point they took a boat and escaped into Chinese territory.

The woman victimised reports that her loss in money and clothing amounted to over \$30. Her husband was away at his work in Hongkong, and the only other inmate in the hut at the time, was her 8-year-old stepson.

FREEDOM BASED ON ECONOMICS

AMERICA LEARNING HER LESSON

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Washington, Dec. 18. Mr. Donald Richberg, Secretary of the Executive Council of the United States, declared to-day that political freedom and security for Americans rested upon economic freedom and security.

He said that the five years of depression had brought to the Administration a new understanding of the weaknesses and evils of the present economic system but that an accompanying advance of constructive planning and improvement of conditions has not resulted.—United Press.

JAPAN TO ABROGATE TREATY

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January 1, was defeated by 388 to 199, but the Government accepted the Radical-Socialist request for a debate on the subject in January next.—Reuter.

THE ADJOURNMENT

London, Dec. 18. The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, and the Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, had a meeting to-day with the High Commissioners for the Dominions and informed them of the present position of the naval conversations with the United States and Japanese representatives, with special reference, it is understood, to the proposed adjournment of these conversations.

The Japanese delegates to the preliminary naval conversations, Ambassador Matsudaira and Admiral Yamamoto, were received by the King at Buckingham Palace this afternoon.—British Wireless.

IN WIRELESS TOUCH

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Changte, Liangchow, Tjikongang, Aramis, Annah, Moller, Hwahachong, Empress of Russia, Mary Moller, Katsang, President Coolidge, Yasukuni Maru, Kamo Maru, Totokori Maru, Bokuyo Maru.

LOOKING ROUND THE STORES

SPECIAL BUYERS' GUIDE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

The Christmas display at Simpson's is once again most comprehensive, the most colourful section being "Santalaland" on the Roof Garden, where Santa Claus is to be found enthroned amongst a profusion of toys and novelties.

A model mechanical man who can reply to any question put to him is another source of attraction, and children may tell him of their Christmas wishes and be assured that he will reply as they wish him to. A picturesque scene from "Mickey Mouse in Glandland" will also create amusement and add to the fun of visitors, while a company of some twenty juvenile acrobats will give frequent performances.

Throughout the departments of the main establishment there are many signs that everything has been done to cope with the Gift Giving Season, and in all cases, prices are lower on account of the improvement in the local dollar.

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CROWD AT LORDS' DEBATE

INDIA REFORM APPROVED

ATTENDANCE RECORD

(Special to "Telegraph")

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London, Dec. 18. The House of Lords, after debating the Government's India reform proposals for four days, rejected Lord Salisbury's amendment by a vote of 238 to 62. The amendment urged postponement of judgment until the Government's Bill had been drafted.

Immediately following this vote, the Government's motion, approving legislation along the lines of the Select Committee's report, was passed without a division.—Reuter Special.

KEEN INTEREST

London, Dec. 18. The House of Lords debate on the India reform measures has excited extraordinary interest.

Many peers have during the last few days, taken their oath and their seats in the House for the first time in the life of the present Parliament.

With the exception of three benches normally reserved for the Labour Opposition and which are never filled, every seat was occupied and all available standing room

New Canton Railway Of Value To H.K.

MAY BRING AIR SERVICE HERE

SIR ALEXANDER CADOGAN'S VIEW

Peking, Dec. 19.

It is learnt in legation quarters that as one of the results of his tour of inspection in South China, Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British Minister to China, holds high hopes for the future of the uncompleted Canton-Hankow Railway, the last sections of which are now under construction.

Sir Alexander is credited with the idea that, with the completion of the whole line, foreign goods could be sent into Central China direct from Hongkong, and in that event the Imperial Airways service in the Far East might be extended to Hongkong simultaneously.—Central News.

was lined with peers to-day. It was the biggest House of seven years.

The Labourites did not vote and the Conservatives, both the opponents and supporters of Lord Salisbury's amendment, soon passed through the lobby. But it took twenty minutes for the Government supporters to vote.

Lord Salisbury's amendment expressed unwillingness to pronounce in advance acceptance of far-reaching recommendations until there had been an opportunity for studying the particular Government proposals.—Reuter.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

WE NEED ONLY OBEY. THERE IS GUIDANCE FOR EACH OF US, AND BY LOWLY LISTENING WE SHALL HEAR THE RIGHT WORD.—Emerson.

Members of St. Andrew's Club are reminded that the annual fancy dress dance is being held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall to-morrow evening. The usual novelties associated with Christmas festivities will be introduced during the course of the evening and members and friends who have not attended previous similar functions organised by the Club may be assured of an enjoyable time.

The theft of 19 pieces of clothing, a silver napkin ring, a bunch of keys and a silver dollar, led to the appearance of Wong Lap-man, aged 22, unemployed, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour. All the articles had been recovered with the exception of the napkin ring. Miss H. Koronha, No. 27 Tai Po Road, appeared as complainant.

A 27-year-old unemployed man was charged with the theft of a quantity of cable wire from the Star Theatre yesterday, when he appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Mr. C. Goldin, the manager of the Star Theatre, appeared as complainant. The cable wire, which belonged to the Hongkong Amusements Company, had been left outside the servants' quarters inside the theatre, and the defendant walked through the gate and took it away. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed.

The lecture by Mr. G. P. de Martin on "Machiavelli and Il Principe," on Friday, December 21, at 6.30 p.m. in the Jacobson Room of the Hongkong Hotel, will be broadcasted through the ZBW on a wave-length of 355 metres (845 kilocycles).

The American Mail Line advise that they have received advice from the Kowloon Dock, which is being repaired on the President Jefferson, to the effect that this work will be completed in time to permit the President Jefferson to sail from Hongkong for Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle on the afternoon of Monday, December 24.

Loung Fok, 54, pleaded guilty before Mr. Wynne Jones in the Central Police Court this morning to larceny by finding of a motor car seat-cover, the property of the Hongkong and Shanghai Taxi Company. Inspector Ellis stated that defendant was seen by a detective carrying the cover over his shoulder at 2.20 o'clock this morning. Three weeks' hard labour was imposed.

Leaders Of China Nearer To Harmony

SUN FO'S VISION OF PEACE

HEALING BREACH IN KUOMINTANG

Nanking, Dec. 18. Important results of his visit to the South were revealed by Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, at a memorial service held at the Central Government Council this morning.

He said that the results of his interviews with Mr. Hu Han-min at Hongkong was most encouraging in so far as the internal unification problem was concerned. He quoted Mr. Hu Han-min's statement to him as follows:

"Now I have restored complete friendship with Chiang Kai-shek and Wang Ching-wei, I prefer to let bygones be bygones. Let us work hereafter in complete harmony for the welfare of the country."

Then, Mr. Sun Fo asked him to proceed to the capital, or at least to Shanghai, in order to discuss with the Central authorities all the outstanding national problems.

Mr. Hu said he was prepared to proceed to the North at any time, but he must do so in the hope that his presence at the capital would really do something for the country. Therefore, prior to his departure from Hongkong he wished to do some necessary preliminary work, aiming at bringing all responsible leaders together.

Mr. Sun Fo said that he was anxious that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. Wang Ching-wei and Mr. Hu Han-min be brought together, because they were the most responsible leaders in the Party and were also the most trustworthy subordinates of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. With such a triumvirate at the centre, he believed that the objective of national unification through peaceful means could be reached without difficulty.—Central News.

DRAMATIC RESCUE IN MID-OCEAN

(Continued from Page 1.)

steamer, Sisto, 1,120 tons, which had sent out distress calls.

The Sisto was on a voyage from Quebec to Europe and a message from her stated:

"Need urgent assistance. Rudder apparently broken. Hurricane and tremendous sea. Ship drifting broadside to wind. Lifeboats washed away. Bridge partly smashed. Sea rolling deck."

The huge North German Lloyd liner Europa, and three United States Line vessels, the Washington, Manhattan and President Harding, together with s.s. New York, the Canadian Pacific s.s. Beaverdale and the Vacuum Oil Company's tanker Mobiloil, the last two registered in London, answered the Sisto's call.

HUGE LINER HOVE TO

The weather was such that the President Harding, 14,000 tons, had to heave to and the Manhattan, 24,000 tons, could only make ten knots.

When the Washington arrived she found the British tanker Mobiloil already standing by the Sisto and pumping oil to windward of her. The Mobiloil signalled the urgent need for vessels with more oil as her supply was insufficient, adding that the Sisto's crew wished to be taken off.

A later message stated that the s.s. New York was nearing the scene.

Rough weather was, also experienced round the British coast to-day and Walmer, Deal and Lowestoft lifeboats all answered calls from coasting craft in distress.—British Wireless.

BIG BARTER PLAN UPSET

Washington, Dec. 18. The proposed barter transaction with Germany, involving the exchange of U.S.\$30,000,000 worth of cotton for German goods, and which was reported to have been approved by the State and Treasury Departments, is reliably stated to be threatened with collapse as it conflicts with President Roosevelt's general world trade revival plans.—Reuter.

CLOUDY WEATHER

The anticyclone is unchanged, pressure remaining highest to the north-west of Shanghai. The depression is now situated to the north-east of Hokkaido, and has increased considerably in intensity. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy.

RADIO BROADCAST

Relay of Hongkong Hotel Orchestra

TWO STUDIO ITEMS

From ZBW on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 kilocycles):
4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.
6-6.15 p.m. Children's Studio Concert.

7 p.m. London and New York Stock and Commodity Quotations.
7.05-7.38 p.m. Light Opera.
Selection—A Princess of Kensington (German).

The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

Vocal Gems—Merrie England (German).
Miriam Lette, Clara Serena, Francis Russell, Dennis Noble, Robert Carr with Chorus and Orchestra.

Selection—The Beggar's Opera (Gay and Austin).
The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

Vocal Gems—The Belle of New York (Morton).
Columbia Light Opera Company.

7.38-8 p.m. Light Orchestral Selection.

Selection—Tanz—Waltz (Gung'l).
Blen Amies—Valse (Waldteufel).

Albert Sandler and his Orchestra.
Le Chantal Qui Passe (Blux).
Love's Last Word (Cremieux).

Albert Sandler and his Orchestra.
With a Song in my Heart—Symphonic Rhapsody (Eric Coates).

Court Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates.

8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.05-8.35 p.m. From the Studio.
A Recital by Doria Blair (Soprano) and Greta Parkinson (Pianoforte).

Programme.

1. Pianoforte Solo:—
(a) Concert Study in D Major, Liszt.

2. Songs:—
(a) The Lass with the delicate air, Arno.

(b) A Blackbird Singing, Michael Head.

(c) Love's a Merchant, Molly Carver.

3. Pianoforte Solo:—
(a) Waltz in D Major, Op. 64, No. 1, Chopin.

(b) Nocturne in F sharp Major, Chopin.

(c) Two Studies in G sharp (study in double 3rd) and in Gb Major (Butterfly Study), Chopin.

4. Songs:—
(a) One Morning very early, Sanderson.

(b) The Willow Song, Coleridge Taylor.

(c) The Cuckoo, Liza Lehmann.

8.45-9.17 p.m. Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 65 ("The New World") (Dvorak).

The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

9.17-9.30 p.m. Jazz Piano Solo by Rate de Costa.

1. Dancing Butterfly.

2. Waltz Time—Medley.

3. One Minute to one.

4. I had to change the words.

9.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletin, London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations.

9.35-10.30 p.m. Dance Music by the Orchestra of the s.s. President Jefferson.

10.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletin, Rugby Mid-day Press News, Further London Stock and Commodity Quotations.

10.35-11 p.m. Old Melodies.

Ellaline Terris and Seymour Hicks—Medley.

Ellaline Terris and Seymour Hicks. A Night with Paul Whiteman at the Biltmore.

Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra.

Melville Gideon—Medley.

Melville Gideon (Baritone).

11 p.m. Close Down.

ZEESEN PROGRAMMES

This Evening's Broadcasts From The German Short-Waves

Special programmes for Far Eastern listeners will be broadcast from Zeesen as follows.

SOUTH ASIA ZONE

South Asia Zone, broadcast from DJB, (19.74 metres) and DJN (31.45 metres).

4.45 p.m. DJB, DJN Announcement (German, English). German Folk Song. Programme-Forecast (German, English).

5 p.m. Round about the Hamburg Cathedral: Hamburg's Christmas Fair.

5.30 p.m. News in English.

5.45 p.m. Concerts from German Masters: Violin Concerto by L. van Beethoven. Professor Gustav Haymann.

6 p.m. Sports Review.

6.45 p.m. News in German.

7 p.m. Light Music.

8 p.m. News in English.

8.15 p.m. Close down DJB, DJN (German, English).

EAST ASIA ZONE

East Asia Zone broadcast through DJA on 31.38 metres, and DJN (31.45 metres).

9 p.m. DJA, DJN Announcement (German, English). German Folk Song. Programme-Forecast (German, English).

9.15 p.m. Light Music.

9.30 p.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.

10 p.m. "Hansel and Gretel." Selections from the Opera by Engelbert Humperdinck.

11.15 p.m. News in German on DJA and DJN.

11.30 p.m. Russian Quartet.

12.15 p.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.

12.30 a.m. Close down DJA, DJN (German, English).

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Mrs. Bowes-Smith arranged the first concert for the new Cheero Club last night, and it proved a great success. Those taking part were Mrs. Younghusband, Mrs. de Freour, Miss Margaret King, Mrs. Keith-Johnston, Mr. D. M. Richards, Mr. A. V. Sanders, Mr. J. Grimshaw, and Mrs. Bowes-Smith. It is to be hoped that Mrs. Bowes-Smith will arrange more similar concerts in the future.

"TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL HOME FOOTBALL SECTION

Football Wealth Not Owned By Shareholders

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT FINANCE

By Frank M. Carruthers

"WHAT," I am asked, "is the value of a £1 share in the Arsenal club?"

Without sentiment or any other consideration entering into the question, its worth is fixed by the fact that it cannot earn a higher rate of interest than 7½ per cent. Possibly at the present time its value is about 30s.

It should be realised, too, that the shares of the Arsenal, despite the wonderful prosperity of the club, are not worth more than those of others who regularly pay their dividends. Even the value of assets do not make any difference.

But I remember the time when the Arsenal tried hard and not very successfully to sell their shares at £1 each. In about 1919 the late Sir Henry Norris prepared a scheme to attract the public to invest in the club.

The Arsenal, however, were not anxious to sell their shares. They became buyers. The position is the same to-day. I should doubt whether an Arsenal share ever changes hands except privately, and it is the same in the case of all the other leading clubs. There is no open market for football club shares.

How different the situation might have been except for the wonderful foresight of those who built the foundations of the game and laid down the principle that there should be no private or personal gain. But for this wise provision football would long since have been exploited by the speculator, and if it had been able to withstand the inroads made upon it, would to-day be his El Dorado.

SHOULD BE STUDIED

The financial regulations of football are remarkable. They do not obtain in any other sport, or, perhaps, in any other business. It is a hard-baked business, world study, them. They would quickly change their view.

It is realised, for instance, that in effect the clubs do not belong to the shareholders. What money the latter may have invested was simply in support of the game as it might be played on a certain ground and under certain management.

The clubs are national institutions, and as such they are under the direct control of the Football Association.

WORTH £2,000,000

I do not think I exaggerate in estimating the value of the 88 clubs who form the League at over £2,000,000, but if it were possible to realise their assets none of this money, beyond what was necessary to discharge outstanding debts, would be theirs. As a matter of fact, in this sense even the players do not belong to the clubs. Possibly it is to some extent on this account that the playing staffs who may have caused a big outlay in transfer fees, do not appear as assets on balance-sheets.

Imagine that one of the leading clubs for some reason or other closed down and that their assets were disposed of for, say, £100,000. This money would not go to the shareholders. They would receive no more than they had invested, and whatever sum remained, after

all charges against the club had been met, would pass into the control of the Football Association. The latter would, in fact, claim all rights in the players so far as transfer matters were concerned.

How essential these regulations will be realised. Without them, although it may be beyond conception, a prosperous club might get into the hands of unscrupulous adventurers who would deliberately break it up, realise the assets, and take very substantial profits.

ONE EXCEPTION

Strangely enough there is one club who are not bound by these financial regulations. This is Everton, and no one knows how an exception was made in their case. The accident occurred many years ago. Their articles of association differ from those of other clubs.

The mistake was discovered a few years ago, and an attempt was made to rectify it. This, however, was not easy; there were legal difficulties. But no one thinks that Everton will ever abuse privileges which were inexplicably granted them at the time. The matter came into being, and so the exception remains as it has always been.

KOWLOON GOLF

Starting Times For Lanford Trophy

The Lanford Trophy Golf competition is to be played off at the Kowloon Golf Club on Sunday next, over 36 holes, medal play, of handicap. The draw for starting times is as follows:

9.00 A. J. Rapley, F. E. A. Remondieu.
9.08 A. Urquhart, A. A. López.
9.12 H. H. Mundy, W. A. Stewart.
9.16 W. J. Woolley, C. G. Anderson.
9.20 A. Eastman, P. Allsbrook.
9.24 S. Macindier, E. D. de Roza.
9.28 T. Seddon, A. T. Braley.
9.32 W. Groves, C. Cameron.
9.36 F. Angus, C. E. Ferry.
9.40 H. D. Purves, A. J. Dennis.
9.44 H. Vale, W. C. Simpson.
9.48 A. A. Andrews, A. W. da Roza.
9.52 W. Hirst, E. Black.
9.56 R. K. Collings, R. Henderson.
10.00 C. J. Rozen, F. C. Barry.
10.04 J. G. King, J. G. Charlton.
10.08 H. G. Brown, A. J. Coates.
10.12 W. A. Brown, J. McCaw.
10.16 E. F. Barnes, A. R. Brown.
Messrs. A. Eastman, R. Henderson and A. J. Dennis will act as Stewards of the course.

OUR FORECAST

For Saturday Programme

The following is the special Telegraph forecast for Saturday. Where teams are marked in heavy type they are expected to win, and where no such indication is given a draw is anticipated.

FIRST DIVISION.

ASTON VILLA	Blackburn
CHELSEA	Middlesboro
DERBY COUNTY	Arsenal
EVERTON	Birmingham
GRIMSBY	Wednesday
Huddersfield	Stoke
Leicester	Portsmouth
PRESTON N.E.	West Bromwich
SUNDERLAND	Liverpool
Wolves	MANCHESTER C.

SECOND DIVISION.

Barnsley	FULHAM
BOLTON	Blackpool
BRISTOL	NOTTS FOREST
BRISTOL ROVERS	Newcastle
BURNLEY	Plymouth
MANCHESTER U.	Hull
NOTTS C.	West Ham
Oldham	Bradford
PORT VALE	BRENTFORD
Sheffield U.	Bury
SOUTHAMPTON	Norwich
SWANSEA	

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).

ALDERSHOT	Exeter
BRIGHTON	Millwall
BRISTOL ROVERS	Gillingham
CARDIFF	Bristol City
CHARLTON	Reading
CRYSTAL PALACE	Northampton
Luton	Coventry
QUEEN'S P. R.	Bournemouth
SOUTHEND	Clapton
SWINDEEN	Newport
TORQUAY	Watford

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).

ACCINGTON	Barnsley
Chester	Tranmere
CHEWSE	Walsall
DARLINGTON	Cardiff
DONCASTER	Hull
GATESHEAD	Lincoln
HARTLEPOOL	Wrexham
NEW BRIGHTON	Sheff. Wed.
SOUTHPORT	Chesham
STOCKPORT	Rochdale
YORK	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

(FIRST DIVISION)

ABERDEEN	Partick
Albion	DUNDEE
CLYDE	Ayr
HAMILTON	Hibernians
HEARTS	Falkirk
KILMARNOCK	Celtic
QUEEN'S PARK	Airdrie
RAITH ROVERS	Motherwell
ST. JOHNSTONE	Dunfermline
	St. Mirren



G. Keizer, who formerly played for the Arsenal, and now between the sticks in the Ajax (Holland) touring side, in action against Livingston F.C., a team the Continental players defeated by 6 goals to nil.

"Wire" Betting System

EXPERIMENT AT FANLING RACES

What is to be known as the "Wire" system of betting is to be introduced at the Fanling Hunt and Race Club's first steeplechase meeting of the season at Kwanti on Sunday afternoon next.

The present separate pari-mutuel tickets on winning and placed ponies are to be discarded and in their place one ticket will be issued for both win and placed ponies. The price of these new tickets will be changed from \$2 to \$5 each.

Dividends will be paid to holders of the tickets on the first three ponies.

Home Soccer Snips

HOW long can a team remain at the peak of their form? The answer to this question settles most championships. Manchester City started as if they were to be the team of the year, but after a brilliant start they have lost their distinction.

SUNDERLAND, on the other hand, have been wonderfully consistent, and at the present time they seem to be playing better than ever. Their secret is that they have got inside forwards and wing halves of the clever, consistent type, with other capable players to fit in with their style.

DONCASTER Rovers have obtained the transfer of Reg Barnes, centre forward, of Sheffield United. The fee paid being the highest ever given by Doncaster.

THE Rumanian Football Federation has appointed Peter Farmer, an ex-Celtic (Glasgow) trainer, to be their coach and adviser.

THE Villa are now making steady headway, and the public, I am sure, are eagerly looking forward to the time when they will regain their old power. A general overhaul is now taking place, mainly, perhaps, with a view to increasing the reserve strength. The club are in fact showing more activity than for three or four years.

In their quest of players, however, they have had the usual experience. Some men they would have liked have not been available, and in all cases the prices asked have been startling.

LEEDS United have signed for £2,000 J. McDougall, who was Sunderland's regular centre half and captain until midway through last season, and was capped for Scotland against Ireland in 1930.

H. Wright, the Charlton Athletic goal-keeper, is in hospital suffering from a fractured rib.

CAMBRIDGE LOSE

Rugger Side Beaten At Edinburgh

London, Dec. 18.
Cambridge University XV were defeated by 17 points nil to-day when they travelled north to play the Edinburgh Academicals—*Reuter*.

Europe Wants To See More F. A. Teams

INTERPRETATION OF RULES DANGER

By Frank M. Carruthers

Informal invitations have been received already by the Football Association to send a team on to the Continent next summer. Scotland have also been asked to visit Austria, and they may do so.

Meanwhile the "Keep out of Europe" movement is gaining in strength. It began before the match with Italy, and, of course, what happened at Highbury has given it momentum.

A year ago I pointed to the dangers. Before the beginning of this season I again urged the authorities to try to arrive at a common understanding as to how the rules should be interpreted. It was plain that there was bound to be serious trouble unless an attempt was made to reconcile the British with the Continental point of view.

WORK MUST GO ON

For more than 30 years England have striven to make football a game of world-wide interest. Having accomplished so much are they now to abandon their work? Are they to cease to spread the gospel of sport as we understand it and teach moral discipline on the field?

I do not think the authorities will do this simply because their ideals in one game have been ruthlessly shattered.

But the big problem remains, and until it can be settled I think it may be well to leave Europe for a time and to pursue the missionary work elsewhere.

Europe wants to be friendly with this country. There is no doubt about this, and they will do everything possible to put matters right.

In the circumstances I suggest the calling of a round-table conference at which I think a solution of all the difficulties would easily be found.

In my view most of the troubles at Highbury were due to that world championship title which the Italians are pleased to claim.

Europe's need is to get back nearer to the days when they crowned their sporting heroes with laurel wreaths instead of decking them with world's championship titles.

JUST CLUMSY

One good feature about the Italian display was that all their objectionable infringements were of the most obvious description. There was nothing cunning about them. Their fouls were just awkward and clumsy, playing the man instead of the ball. They erred, in our view, simply through failing to realise the difference between right and wrong.

The Football Association have a lot of important work to do. There is the question of refereeing. After their last meeting I was told, "We shall go right to the bottom of the problem; we cannot leave it to believe, too, that we shall be able greatly to improve the situation."

I understand that at the meeting there was a general discussion members of the committee each pointing out defects in the present system. Possibly such matters as the two referee plan and goal judges were mentioned informally, but I obtained no information on these points. Certainly no decisions even to try them were taken. As a matter of fact, the details of the whole question were left to a sub-committee to work out, and there at present the matter remains.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

SECOND DIVISION CHANGES

Several changes are notified by the Hongkong Football Association for Saturday and Sunday next.

The Second Division match on Saturday between the Chinese Athletic and Eastern Athletic will be played at Caroline Hill at 2.30 p.m.; and at Sookunpo at the same time on Saturday the Royal Welch Fusiliers second eleven will meet the Kowloon Football Club Juniors.

On Sunday the Royal Navy and the East Lancashire Regiment will play off their Second Division tie on the Royal Navy and Royal Marines sports ground, Causeway Bay, at 2.30 p.m.

per cent, the remaining 20 per cent, going to ticket holders on the third pony. The system is in force in Australia and elsewhere.

OUR "FORM" GUIDE

How Your Team Has Been Faring In League

The following table reveals how each team in the four divisions of the English league have fared, to date, the results including their last five more matches up to yesterday.

The first figure in each case, of course, is that of the team concerned.

FIRST DIVISION.					THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).				
Birmingham	3-2	1-0	2-1	1-5	0-4	Aldershot	2-5	0-2	0-0
Derby C.	1-2	1-2	2-4	0-3	6-2	Brighton	2-0	2-0	0-0
Leeds	2-4	0-1	4-2	1-1	3-3	Bristol C.	1-1	2-0	0-3
Aston Villa	2-1	0-4	1-3	1-1	1-1	Cardiff	2-2	2-1	0-0
Chelsea	2-1	1-1	1-1	4-1	0-2	Clapton O.	2-0	0-2	0-1
Middlesboro	2-2	1-3	3-2	2-2	4-1	Coventry	1-1	1-1	0-0
Leicester	1-5	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-3	Exeter	5-5	3-3	2-0
Liverpool	5-1	2-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	Gillingham	0-3	2-2	0-0
Southampton	5-1	1-1	1-1	1-2	2-1	Luton	1-1	2-1	0-1
Ireton	1-2	0-1	1-3	2-4	3-3	Swindon	3-0	3-1	0-1
Wednesday	4-2	2-1	2-2	1-0	0-0	Crystal P.	1-1	1-1	3-2
Sunderland	4-2	0-1	2-2	6-1	1-2	Bristol R.	5-5	1-5	0-1
Tottenham	0-4	3-2	1-2	3-2	1-1	Watford	2-2	2-0	2-0
West Bromwich	4-0	1-0	4-1	3-0	4-2	Charlton	4-1	1-1	0-0
Wolves	2-2	2-1	0-7	2-3	2-1	Reading	5-2	1-1	0-0
Blackburn	1-2	0-1	4-2	2-5	2-5	Northampton	2-2	1-1	1-0
Arsenal	1-2	7-0	1-1	8-0	8-0	Newport	1-0	1-4	0-5
Grimby	2-3	3-1	0-1	2-2	2-4	Torquay	4-2	4-1	0-1
Stoke	3-2	1-3	3-1	2-3	1-3	Southend	0-1	2-2	1-1
Huddersfield	0-0	3-1	2-4	1-1	4-0	Queen's P. R.	1-1	0-2	0-3
Everton	3-2	1-2	3-2	6-2	0-0	Wrexham	0-2	1-1	3-0
Manchester C.	0-0	2-1	1-0	4-2	2-0	Millwall	2-2	1-2	1-0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).

Accrington	2-3	1-2	0-6	1-0	1-2	C.P.O.'s Club v. Garrison Sgts' Mess	
Crews	4-1	1-1	1-2	3-1	2-2	E.R.A. F.	
Darlington	0-1	1-2	2-2	3-4	4-0	Sergent. 150	Sergt. Finkill 96
Gateshead	0-2	1-3	0-3	1-3	1-3	Sgt. F.	
Halifax	1-0	2-1	2-1	1-3	4-1	Yeoman. 150	Sergt. Bloomfield 100
Lincoln	2-1	1-1	0-2	3-4	0-0	E.A. R. Page 118	Sergt. Galtwall 150
Rotherham	0-5	2-1	3-0	1-2	2-2	Sy. P.O. F.	
Stockport	1-1	3-1	1-0	2-2	1-4	Joiner T. 150	Sergt. Wodo 150
Tranmere	2-0	3-1	3-0	2-4	4-1	P.O. E.	
Walsall	2-2	2-3	6-0	1-1	1-1	Savage. 116	M.G. Longman 150
Wrexham	2-2	3-1	2-0	1-3	1-2	Gowing. 150	L/Sgt. Roach 97
New Brighton	2-2	0-1	2-1	0-1	1-3	Total .. 740	Total 713
Doncaster	2-0	1-1	2-0	1-1	2-1		
York	5-0	3-1	3-0	1-1	0-0		
Chesham	1-1	1-1	3-1	3-1	0-0		
Manfield	1-1	1-1	5-1	4-2	1-1		
Rochdale	1-4	3-2	2-2	1-1	3-1		
Chesham	1-1	1-0	2-2	0-1	3-1		
Southport	1-2	1-2	2-2	1-1	1-4		
Carlisle	2-5	1-1	1-1	3-1	4-0		
Hartlepool	1-2	1-1	3-0	0-1	4-4		
Barrow	0-2	2-1	1-2	0-2	4-4		

Billiards League

C.P.O.'s CLUB AT HEAD OF TABLE

The C.P.O.'s Club are still at the head of the Steel and Coulson's Billiards League, one point ahead of the R.E. Sgts' Mess in the same number of games played. During the recent matches they beat the Garrison Sgts' Mess by five games to one, representing 844 points to 583.

The results of the matches together with the League table are published below:

C.P.O.'s Club v. R.A. Sgts' Mess

E.R.A. F.	Sargent. 150	S/Sgt. Flood 100
E.A. W.	West 150	Sergt. Dyer 72
Sy. P.O. F.	Rose 150	Sergt. John 103
Ch. Wtr.	Hirner. 94	Sergt. Ranson 150
Sergt. Eley.	R.M. 150	Sergt. Gross 89
E.R.A.	150	S.Q.M.S. Digby 89
Total .. 844	Total 583	

LEAGUE TABLE

The following League Table includes all matches played to date:-

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
C.P.O.'s Club	5	4	1	11½
R.E. Sgts' Mess	5	4	1	10½
R.A. Sgts' Mess	4	2	2	8½
Garrison Sgts' Mess	5	1	4	4
E. Lance. Sgts' Mess	1	1	0	8
St. Patrick's Club	4	0	4	1½

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CHINA'S DAVIS CUP TEAM

Ng Sze-kwong On Selection Committee

Local tennis players will be interested to learn that Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, the well-known exponent who was the Colony's foremost player some years ago, has been appointed to the Selection Committee which will choose China's representatives to challenge for the Davis Cup Lawn Tennis Competition.

It is more than probable that in addition to his capacity as a member of the selection committee Mr. Ng Sze-kwong will be invited to join the team as non-playing captain.

FIRST CHINESE CHAMPION

Ng Sze-kwong was born in 1895, and was the first Chinese to win the Colony Open Singles. He won this title in 1918 and retained it until 1924. He was finalist in 1915, 1916 and 1927. With Wong Po-keung, he won the Open Doubles in 1917, the first year that title had been held by Chinese. Partnered by Wong he retained the title for the two following years, and in 1922 and 1923 captured the crown with Wei Wing-lok. He was finalist with A. H. Rumjahn in 1920 and in 1924 with C. Chao.

Ng Sze-kwong was also C.R.C. champion for fifteen years, from 1912 when he founded the club until 1927, and played in the C.R.C. "A" Division champion team in 1917, 1919, 1926, 1927 and 1928.

He was included in the Interport sides against Shanghai in 1920, 1921 and 1922, and was non-playing captain of the Interport side which visited Canton in 1932.

CHARITY FOOTBALL

UNIVERSITY AND G.C.H. STAFF

The annual Charity Football match between the Government Civil Hospital Staff and the University is taking place on Sunday next at 3.30 p.m. on the University Ground, Pokfulam.

Sir William Hornell, the Vice-Chancellor, will referee.

HOCKEY

Y.M.C.A. Hold Reclroio With Seven Men

Playing with only seven men, the Y. M. C. A. did exceedingly well to hold the Club de Reclroio to a score of two goals to one in Reclroio's favour, in a friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday afternoon.

The Reclroio scored both goals in the first half, and the Y. M. C. A. scored in the second half.

In a friendly match on Monday on the Marina ground, the Punjab Regiment defeated the Hongkong and Singapore Brigade, R.A., by two goals to nil.

A cocktail party will be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday, December 23, immediately after the American tennis tournament which is being held on the same day. Special festive music will be a feature of the party.

Np also represented China at the Far Eastern Olympic Games in 1917, 1919 and 1921 at Tokyo, Manila and Shanghai.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz have received the following quotations on the New York exchange for yesterday:

	New York Cotton	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
December	12.45	12.42-12.43	
January	12.43	12.47-12.47	
March	12.53	12.57-12.57	
May	12.53	12.58-12.58	
July	12.52	12.58-12.58	
October (1935)	12.54	12.40-12.42	
Spot	12.70	12.75	

	New York Rubber	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
December	12.53	12.99-12.99	
January	13.00	13.03-13.03	
March	13.20	13.20-13.20	
May	13.37	13.40-13.40	
July	13.35	13.37-13.37	
September	13.80	13.77-13.77	
Total sales	73 lots		

	Chicago Wheat	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
December	98 1/2	98 1/2-98 1/2	
January	99	99 1/2-99 1/2	
March	99	99 1/2-99 1/2	
May	99	99 1/2-99 1/2	
July	99	99 1/2-99 1/2	
Monday's sales	22,827,000 bushels		

	Chicago Corn	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
December	90 1/2	90 1/2-90 1/2	
January	87 1/2	87 1/2-87 1/2	
March	84 1/2	84 1/2-84 1/2	
May	84 1/2	84 1/2-84 1/2	
July	84 1/2	84 1/2-84 1/2	
Total sales	11,005,000 bushels		

	Winnipeg Wheat	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
December	77 1/2	77 1/2-77 1/2	
January	82 1/2	82 1/2-82 1/2	
March	83 1/2	83 1/2-83 1/2	
May	83 1/2	83 1/2-83 1/2	
July	83 1/2	83 1/2-83 1/2	

	New York Sugar	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
December	1.07	1.05-1.05	
January	1.07	1.05-1.05	
March	1.07	1.05-1.05	
May	1.07	1.05-1.05	
July	1.07	1.05-1.05	
Total sales	4,000 tons		

	New York Silk	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
December	1.31	1.28 1/4-1.29 1/4	
January	1.31	1.29-1.30	
March	1.31	1.29-1.30	
May	1.31	1.29-1.30	
July	1.31	1.29-1.30	
Total sales	72 lots		

	Montreal Silver	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
December	63.75	63.75-63.75	
January	64.00	63.75-63.75	
March	64.00	64.25-64.25	
May	64.00	64.25-64.25	
July	64.00	64.25-64.25	
Total sales	17 contracts		

BUILDING FUND FOR NEW CLUB HOUSE STARTED

REVIEW OF YEAR'S ACTIVITIES AT ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club yesterday, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, reviewing the activities of the Club, mentioned that consequent on a decision previously taken to abandon for the present the scheme for the erection of a new Club House at Fanling, a Building Fund had now been started.

Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell was elected Captain for the ensuing year.

Moving the adoption of the report and accounts the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith referred in eulogistic terms to the splendid services rendered to the Club by Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, and expressed regret at the forced retirement and return to England of the latter owing to ill-health. He also referred to the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Hitchens as their successors.

Dealing with the question of the new Club House the Chairman said: In pursuance of the policy recommended at last year's General Meeting all entrance fees now go towards a Fanling Building Fund which is invested or put on fixed deposit and held against the day when, as is inevitable, a new Club House at Fanling must be erected. This Fund, which now appears for the first time in the Accounts, will in due course be augmented by such profits from the General Account as can in the opinion of the Committee be safely so allocated. As it stands this Fund has been composed of \$10,000 transferred from the General Account early in the year under review and \$12,225 in Entrance Fees paid during the year, the residue being accrued interest on investments.

The actual result of the year's working as shown in the Profit and Loss Account will be seen to be a loss of \$5,949.67 as against a profit of \$18,162.71 in the preceding year of \$18,162.71, a total difference of \$27,112.38.

In the second half of the Working Account there is only a difference between the two years of less than \$1,400, but it is in the first half of that Account that the explanation will be found of the position which would be disquieting if it appeared to be in any way likely to recur.

BUILDING SCHEME
As was prophesied a year ago the abandonment for the present of the Extraordinary Meeting of October 1933 of the scheme for a new Club House has necessitated this year a number of repairs at Fanling which had been deferred until the situation was clearer. Repairs and renewals accordingly show an increase of over \$8,000 as compared with the previous year. Besides this, Maintenance at Fanling and Upkeep of Courses at Fanling show between them a total increase of nearly \$9,000. On the other hand Subscriptions are down by over \$5,000 a drop which it is of course impossible to control.

It is dangerous in times such as the present to indulge in prophecies for the future, and the prosperity of such an institution as a Golf Club must depend upon how much the spending public can afford to pay for its recreation, but so far as it is possible to foretell there will be very few payments to be made of a special nature for the next few years and I think that, despite the unfavourable showing, we may consider ourselves to be in a healthy condition with the Debenture Account almost completely liquidated and with a Building Fund of \$22,550 laid to the benefit of posterity.

WAITING LIST
The system of a "waiting list" for membership has been continued, but full membership has been offered from time to time when there has appeared to be no serious overcrowding at week-ends. When propositions from the "waiting list" are offered it has been decided that the mid-week privileges enjoyed by those on the "waiting list" could not be offered as an option, and that election to full membership must be accepted when offered except in special cases such as impending departure from the Colony.

CADDIE SYSTEM
The caddie system at Fanling continues to work satisfactorily and the reports made by members have been helpful in keeping up the standard of efficiency which I think members will agree is now higher than ever. Many over-age caddies have been turned away.

I should like here to pay a tribute to our Secretary, Col. Matthews, who not only kept things running at Fanling during the period between Mr. Kerr's departure and Mr. Hitchens' arrival but in my opinion, brought about considerable improvements; also to Mrs. Matthews who so efficiently filled the gap suddenly left by Mrs. Kerr.

MR. GREENHILL
This, I regret to say, the last General Meeting at which we shall see the familiar face of Mr. L. S. Greenhill. The Fanling Greens Committee without Mr. Greenhill to help it will be almost like Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark.

Successful committees have always subordinated all subsidiary interests like Club-houses and the rest to the primary necessity of good golfing conditions and it is no exaggeration to say that the Fanling Course owes more to Mr. Greenhill's enthusiasm and experience than to any other single cause. In the name of all present I thank Mr. Greenhill for all that he has done and wish him all happiness in his retirement. (Applause).

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell was elected Captain on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. B. Ross.

The following were elected members of the incoming Committee: Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Messrs. G. S. Archbutt, C. D. Lambert, A. E. Lissaman, K. S. Morrison, A. Ritchie, T. J. J. Fenwick, A. McFarlane and D. J. Gilmore.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were appointed auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$1,500 per annum, on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. G. S. Archbutt.

ENTRANCE FEE
Mr. Frank Austin said: There is one point I would like to bring out at this meeting for special consideration, and that is the question of entrance fee.

The entrance fee was raised from \$50 to \$150 about one year ago, and I have heard from a number of men I have happened to meet that they would like to join the Golf Club but they thought the entrance fee of \$150 excessive.

I would like to suggest that it might be revised to a fee of \$100 in place of \$150, and I would like to bring this to the Committee for their serious consideration.

The Chairman: I am sure Mr. Austin's proposal will be carefully considered by the incoming committee.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy proposed a vote of thanks to their retiring Captain, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET IDLY DULL YESTERDAY

Swan, Culbertson and Fritz New York office cables:—The stock market drifted idly in a dull session. Standard Gas and Electric has earned \$2,163,000 for the 12 months ended September 30 against \$3,345,000 for last year.

Swift & Co. has earned 83 cts. per share after deducting all charges, including the inventory reserve of \$1.12 as against \$1 last year. Daily crude oil production totalled 2,432,000 barrels for the week ended December 15. The United States Supreme Court has granted a review of the Railroad Pension Law. Commercial bank loans were off \$33,000,000 for the week ended December 12. Automobile tire shipments during October were 18 1/2% above those of a year ago and 5 1/2% below shipments during September.

Nash plans the largest January schedule for several years. November dollar sales by grocery chain stores were 1 1/4% above sales for October, a contra seasonal gain. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad has been granted a \$4,000,000 loan by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Pennsylvania Railroad has earned \$1.12 for the 12 months ended October 31 against \$1.24 for the corresponding period of last year. Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit earnings for November amounted to \$545,000 against \$568,700 for last year. Business done—\$20,000.

New York and Chicago commodity reports received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz:—

Cotton: The market was steady. There was an absence of poor selling and a scarcity of contracts.

Grains: The market absorbed the heavy liquidation but we doubt if new buying is sufficient at present to cause any material advance in the absence of any improvement in foreign demand. In corn, less cash demand for feeding and for industrial purposes is

contributing to easiness. Rubber: Steady consumer buying is anticipated. It is estimated that Malaysian shipments in December amount to 63,000 tons.

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MANILA STOCK EXCHANGE

PHILIPPINE GOLD SHARE QUOTATIONS

To-day's quotations as received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz shortly after the close of the morning session of the Manila Stock Exchange are as follows:—

Price In Pases

Antamco Consolidated 11.00 10.00
Bancor Consolidated 0.18 0.18
Gold River 0.18 0.18
Ips Gold Mines 0.50 0.75
Ipsen Mining Co. 0.55 0.55
Salselt Mining Co. 0.15 0.15
Suroy Consolidated 0.51 0.50
United Pampanga 0.39 0.38
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30 Industrials 100.92 101.07
20 Ralls 88.34 88.40
20 Utilities 18.18 18.11
40 Bonds 95.02 95.32
11 Commodity 60.75 60.50

17 Leading Stocks Dec. 18

Amer. Can 107 1/2
Amer. Smelt 87
Am. T. & T. 105 1/2
Auburn 25 1/2
Case 62 1/2
Du Pont 53 1/2
El. Ho. & Sh. 7 1/2
Gen. Motors 31 1/2
Int. T. & T. 8 1/2
McIntyre 42
Montgomery Ward 20
Nat. Distillers 27
N. Y. Control 21
Secord-Vacuum 14 1/2
Union Pacific 107 1/2
U.S. Steel 37 1/2
West. E. & M. 33 1/2

New York and Chicago commodity reports received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz:—

Cotton: The market was steady. There was an absence of poor selling and a scarcity of contracts.

Grains: The market absorbed the heavy liquidation but we doubt if new buying is sufficient at present to cause any material advance in the absence of any improvement in foreign demand. In corn, less cash demand for feeding and for industrial purposes is

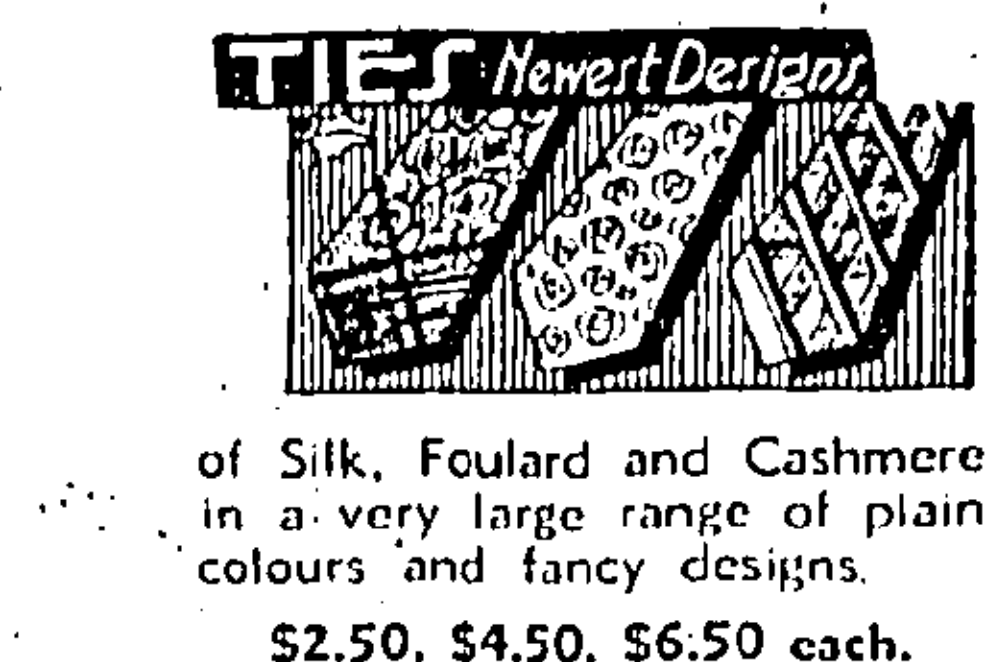
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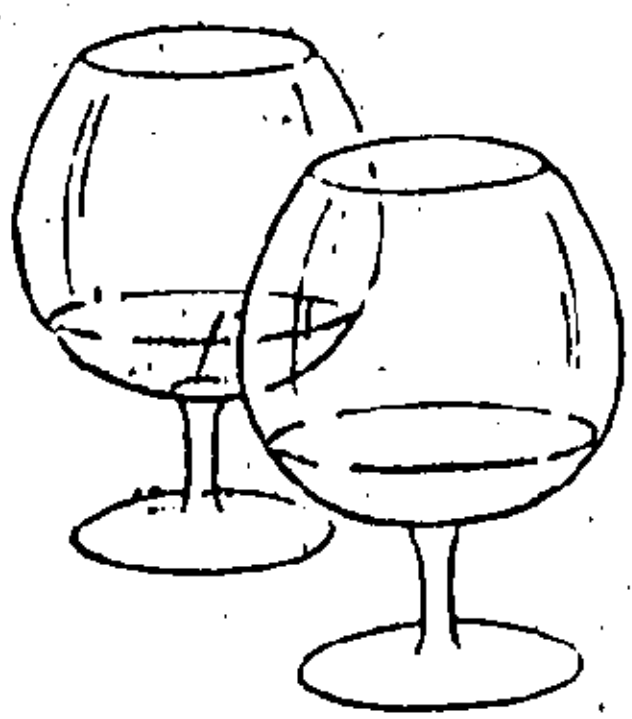
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Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1625 b.
H.K. Bank, (Lon. Reg.), \$188 n.
Chartered Bank, \$16 n.
Mercantile Bank A. and B. \$82 n.
Maritime Bank C. \$13 1/2 n.
East of Asia Bank, \$93 n.
Am. O. Finance Corp. Sh. \$20 n.
China O. Fin. Ord. Sh. \$1.80 n.
China O. Fin. Pref. Sh. \$4 1/2 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$270 n.
Union Ins., \$500 b.
China Underwriters, \$1.15 b.
China Fire, \$510 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$287 1/2 n.
Internat'l Assco. Sh. \$5.00 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$40 1/2 b.
H.K. Steamboats, \$7 1/2 n.
Indo-China, (Prof.), \$30 n.
Indo-China, (Def.), \$38 n.
Shell's (Bearer), \$4 1/2 n.
Union Waterboats, \$18 1/2 n.

Mining.

Antamoka, 73 cts. b.
Batakoa, \$37 n.
Baguio Gold, 40 cts. n.
Bongueta, \$13.75 n.
Bongueta, Exploration, 21 cts. n.
Bonguet Goldfield, 20 cts. n.
Big Wedge, 10 cts. n.
Gold Creek, 23 cts. n.
Gold River, 23 cts. n.
Ipo Mining, \$1 n.
Ilogons, 40 cts. n.
Salacot, 16 cts. n.
Kailan, 20 1/2 n.
Langkats (Single), \$15 n.
S'hai Explorations, Sh. \$5 n.
S'hai Loans, Sh. \$5 n.
Raub, ex. div. \$10.70 n.
Venz: Goldfield, \$6 n.

Docks, etc.

H.K. Wharves, \$108 b.
H.K. Docks, \$12 1/2 n.
Providents (old), \$1.40 n.
Providents (new), 60 cts. n.
Hongkwa (old), Sh. \$310 n.
New Engineering, Sh. \$5 1/2 n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$120 n.

Cotton Mills.

Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$9 n.
S'hai Cottons, (old), Sh. \$74 n.
S'hai Cottons, (new), Sh. \$44 1/2 n.
Zoong Sings, \$9.40 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$55 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$5.10 b.
H.K. Lands, \$56 1/2 n.
H.K. Lands 4% debentures, \$101 n.
S'hai Lands, Sh. \$24 1/2 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. \$12.20 n.
Humphreys, \$9 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities, \$4.90 b.
Asia Realities "A" Sh. \$100 n.
Asia Realities "B" Sh. \$20 n.
Chinese Estates, \$88 n.
China Realities, Sh. \$12 1/2 n.
China Debenture, \$120 n.
Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$20.20 b.
Peak Trams (old), \$12 n.
Peak Trams (new), \$7 n.
Star Ferries, \$98 b.
Yau-mei Ferries, (old), \$22 1/2 n.
China Lights (new), \$10.15 b.
China Lights (old), \$10.40 b.
H.K. Electric, \$71 1/2 b.
Macao Electric, \$25 n.
Sundakan Lights, \$8 n.
Telephones (old), \$25 b.
Telephones (new), \$10.30 b.
China Buses Sh. \$12.40 n.
Singapore Traction, 4/3 b.
Singapore Pref. 17/9 n.

Industrials.

Malabon Sugars, \$8.70 n.
Cald: Macq. (old) Sh. \$21 n.
Cald: Macq. (Pref.), \$20 n.
Canton Ice, \$2.35 b.
Cement (com.), \$2.30 n.
H.K. Ropes, \$4.10 n.
Dairy Farms \$24 n.
Watson, \$5 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$3.75 n.
Mackintoshes, \$21 n.
Sinceres, \$8.40 n.
Vim. Powells, 70 cts. n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$105 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$2.75 n.
H.K. Entertainments, \$7 1/2 n.
S. C. Enterprises, \$1 n.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LATEST SHARE QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the London Stock Exchange have been received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz in conjunction with Reuters and British Government Securities.

Dec. 17. Dec. 18.

War Loan 3 1/2% redm. after 1962 £107 1/2 £107 1/2

Chinese Bonds

4 1/2% Bonds 1898 (Eng. Ins.) £103 £103
4 1/2% Loan 1908 £ 99 £ 99
5% Loan 1912 £ 83 1/2 £ 83 1/2
5% Recog. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Ins.) £ 98 1/2 £ 98 1/2
5% Bonds 1925-47 £ 96 1/2 £ 96 1/2
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly. £ 77 1/2 £ 77
5% Tient-Pukow Rly. £ 20 1/2 £ 20 1/2
5% Tient-Pukow Railway (Supl. Loan) £ 25 1/2 £ 25 1/2
5% S'hai-P'ehow Ningpo Rly. £100 £100
5% Hukang Rly. £ 20 1/2 £ 20 1/2
5% Hukang Rly. 1911 £ 40 £ 40
5% Lung T'ing U. Hail Rly. 1913 £ 16 1/2 £ 16 1/2

Foreign Bonds and Banks

German 7% Int. Loan 1924 £ 65 £ 64 1/2
Japan 5% Sterling £ 82 1/2 £ 83
Japan 6% Sterling Loan 1924 £ 94 1/2 £ 94 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bk. (Ldn. Regd.) £137 £138
Chartd. Bk. £ 10 £ 10

Industrials and Breweries

Associated Elec. Industries 24/6 24 7/2
British-Amer. Tob. (Bearer) 124 1/4 124 1/4
Chinese Eng. and Mch. (Bearer) 29/3 29/9
Tat & Lyle 46/- 46 1/4
Distillers 94/- 94/-
Dunlop Rubber 48 1/4 48 1/2
Everready 5/- sh. 21/3 21/3
General Electric (England) 50/- 50/-
Doots 5/- sh. 45 1/4 45 1/4
Impl. Chem. Ind. 36 1/4 36 1/4
Impl. Chem. Ind. Def. 10/- sh. 9 1/2 9 1/2
Impl. Tobacco 139/6 139/6
Woolworths 5/- sh. 114/- 114/6
Internat. Nickel no par val \$ 23 \$ 23 1/2
Pinchin Johnson 10/- sh. 42/0 43 1/2
Turner & Newall 24/3 24/3
Unilever 24/3 24/3

Miscellaneous

Anglo-Dutch 22/3 22/3
Burns, Corn. It. 10/- 11 1/2
Austin Motors ord. sh. 42/3 42/6
Chartd. 15/- sh. (Bearer) 20/9 21/9
Gula, Kuntumpong Rubber 19/6 19/3
Trepca Mines 5/- sh. 8/9 8 10/4
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Pekin Synd. 1/6 1/6
ord. sh. 29/- 29 11/2
Rubber Trusts 54/- 54/-
S'hai Elec. Constr. 61/10 xd 29/9
Yan Iyn Deep Electric Musical Industries 28/3 29/6

Oils

Anglo-Persian Oil 41/3 40 7/2
Burma Oil 71/3 70 7/2
Southern Railway (Deferred) £ 22 1/2 £ 22 1/2
Rolls Royce £1 sh. 108/- 108/6
Shell Trans. and Trad. (Bearer) 45/- 43/9
Goldchris 27/6 xd 27/6
Crown Mines 10/- sh. 257/6 xd 256/3

Macao "Greyhounds."

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Constructions (new), 78 cts. b.
Vibor Piling, \$5.60 n.
Ch. Govt. 6% 1925 G.S. Bonds 92 1/2 n.
H.K. Gov. 4% Loan 8% prem. b.
H.K. Gov. 3 1/2% Loan, 3 1/2% prem. n.
Wallace Harpers, \$7 1/2 n.

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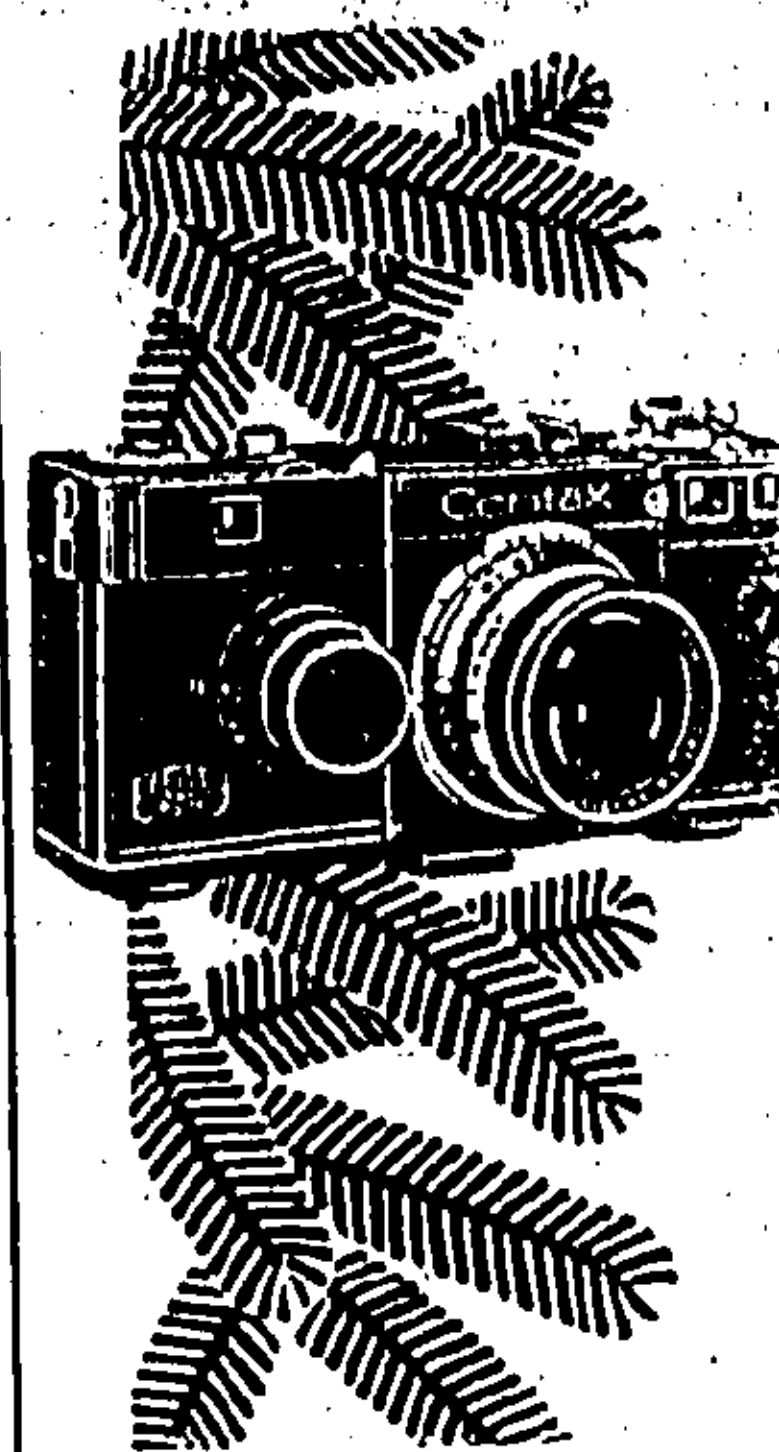
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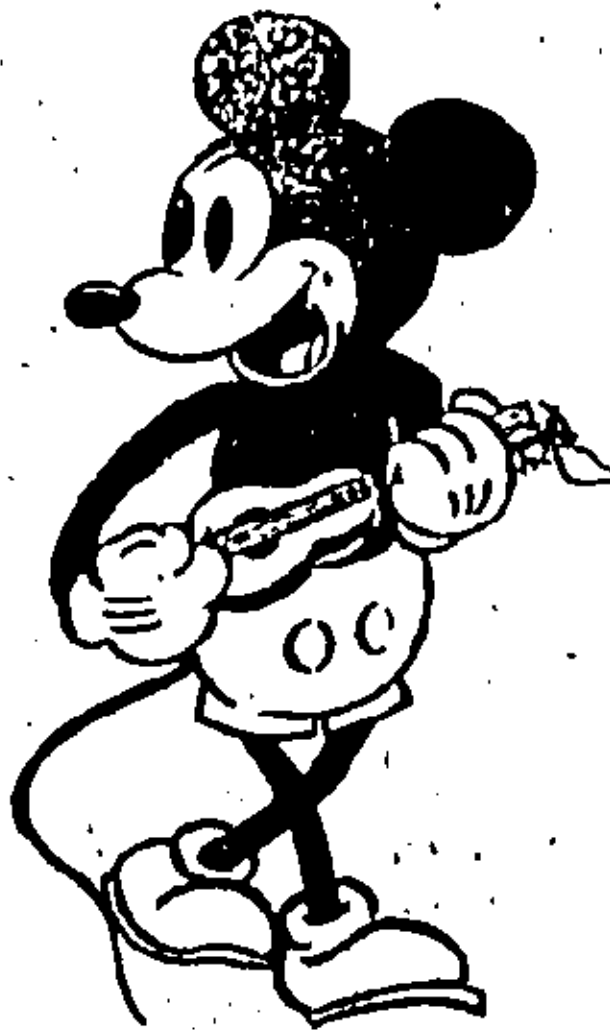
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HONGKONG MUI TSAI

ANNUAL MEETING OF SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

POSITION OF ADOPTED DAUGHTERS

The fifth annual meeting of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children took place at the Helena May Institute yesterday, when the report and accounts, which have already been published, were adopted.

His Excellency the Governor referred feelingly to the poverty at the bottom of most cases which came before the Society, and said poverty was also responsible for the poor housing which was the best that many parents could afford.

The Government was still confronting the problem of the *mui tsai* and were ready to act in the more delicate matter of adopted daughters, should it be found that *mui tsai* were being kept under this designation.

H. E. Sir William Peel, president and others present were: Mr. M. K. Lo (Chairman of the Society), Mr. G. P. de Martin (Vice-Chairman), Sir Thomas and Lady Southern, the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall, The Hon. Dr. B. W. Teo, The Hon. Sir William Shenton, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chai, Sir William Hornell, Mrs. Middleton Smith, Mrs. A. Hicks, Mr. S. V. Boxer, Mr. M. A. Cooper, Dr. G. R. Nash, Mrs. L. O. Hunter, Mrs. W. B. A. Moore, Miss Elliott, Mrs. W. Schofield, Professor and Mrs. L. Forster, Dr. E. W. K. Mr. B. C. H. Lim, Mr. Mok Kon-ang, Mr. Ng Wah, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. T. H. Izorrigg, Mr. A. McKellar, Mr. Kwak Chan, Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. J. T. Prior, Mr. Ho Kom-long, Mr. R. R. Campbell, Mr. J. L. MacPherson, Mr. M. H. Lo, Mr. L. H. Lo, Mr. A. C. Arcull, Rev. H. R. Wells, Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, Mr. F. H. Kwok, Mr. Peter Sin, Mr. J. Russell, Dr. L. Shu Fan, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Mr. J. M. Alves, Adjutant Dorothy Brazier and Capt. Doris Lennon (Salvation Army) and Mr. F. H. Lowery.

After His Excellency had proposed the adoption of the report, Mr. M. K. Lo seconded the motion. He said that their thanks were due to the Council General for Italy who had postponed an engagement which would have clashed with the Society's meeting, and had expressed his interest in the movement so keenly sponsored in Italy.

Lasting Memorials

Mr. Lo continuing, said: I understand that Mr. Boxer will, in due course, express the gratitude of the Society to His Excellency the Governor for his untiring interest in and support of the Society, and I naturally do not wish in any way to encroach upon Mr. Boxer's province. But speaking as the retiring chairman of the Executive Committee of the Society, I feel I must allude to one aspect of the work of His Excellency and Lady Peel in the interests of the well-being of the Colony.

In their Report the Committee have referred with gratitude and thanks to the much welcomed financial assistance rendered by the Women's Auxiliary. I should like to state that this useful body was entirely due to the creative genius and organizing ability of that tireless social worker, Lady Southern, and on behalf of the Society I tender to her and to the other kind ladies of the Auxiliary, our grateful thanks.

Appalling Prospect

It is a matter of deep regret that the result of our year's working has shown a deficit of over \$2,000. I earnestly appeal for increased public support. I know times are hard. But in making this appeal, I would invite the public to try to have a vivid mental picture of the work of the Society, and of the appalling consequences if the Society were forced by lack of financial support to discontinue its activities. Every year, hundreds of children, subject at birth to all the disadvantages inherent in having been born in poverty, would, but for our Society, succumb to various diseases as a direct cause of malnutrition or even semi-starvation, which, if they do not prove fatal, stunt their growth and development, and deprive them of any chance of being able to adjust themselves to the environment in this competitive world. Surely the ever generous public of Hongkong cannot and will not allow the humane work of our Society to be restricted and handicapped by lack of funds.

I should like to say how delighted we are to have Mr. Hazlerigg back with us again. Infant welfare work in general, and the Society's activities in particular, absorb all his spare time and abundant energy, and it will indeed be a sad day for the Society and for the Colony when we have to be deprived of his sage counsel and unobtrusive guidance and advice.

Before I sit down, I wish to endorse and reiterate our gratitude to the Honorary Directors, Messrs. Boxer and Cooper, and the various Honorary Branch Secretaries and Inspectors for their valuable work, and to tender my personal thanks to all the members of the Executive Committee over which I have had the honour and privilege to preside during the past year, for their services and co-operation.

President's Absence

The Hon. Dr. Kotewall said: Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen—My first and very pleasant duty is to express to Your Excellency our deep appreciation of the honour you have done us by presiding once more at our Annual General Meeting.

Many New Cases

The Society's fifth annual report and statement of accounts have already been circulated, and extracts from the Report have been published in the Press, so that I do not intend to do more than speak briefly on a few aspects of the Society's work. You will have noticed that during the past year the Society has dealt with 960 new cases affecting the

welfare of more than 2,000 children. The number of new cases exceeded the corresponding figure for the previous year by 42. These figures do not indicate the volume of work which has been carried out by the Society, for when we add to them those cases which were under supervision at the end of the previous year, we find that the Society's officers have had to deal with a total of nearly 1,600 cases during the year. While we cannot but deplore the acute distress which is virtually revealed in the vast majority of the year's new cases, members have good reason to feel a certain amount of satisfaction that their Society has been able to afford relief to so many of the Colony's poorest, and most helpless children. It is virtually impossible for us to attempt to keep body and soul together on less than \$3 a month, and not until the standard of earnings among the vast majority of the unskilled manual workers of the Colony shows material improvement will the Society be able to feel that the magnitude of its problem is diminishing. The clearance of the Colony's congested slum areas, the replacement of many of the existing tenements by a modern and better ventilated type of tenement building with sanitary conveniences, and the provision of more open spaces, are improvements for which the Society appeals and must continue to appeal, because they are of vital importance to the health of the community. But although slum clearance may be tackled successfully, the problem of overcrowding will to a large extent remain until earnings are high enough to enable the unskilled labourer to spend a large sum in rent, and he is not likely to do that until he has increased his expenditure on food and clothing for himself and his family.

Change of Attitude

One of the most striking facts brought home to the Society's officers is the changing attitude of the Chinese poor towards surgical treatment. The old view was that hospitals were to be entered only as a last resort, and a surgeon was regarded by the ignorant with dread and even suspicion. The explanation for this is largely historical. From time immemorial the Chinese have been used only to medical, as distinct from surgical, treatment. Today, however, their change of attitude in this respect is becoming more marked. Cases are frequently coming to our notice of patients who, in the power of the surgeon on the part of Chinese of the poorer classes who have submitted themselves to surgical operations. As an instance of a field in which I believe the poor would welcome an extension of facilities, I would mention that of the eye surgeon. Acute eye disease and blindness are terrible handicaps, and I know that some of the Society's officers who have been privileged to see something of the voluntary work which is being done in Kowloon, have been deeply impressed by the way in which scores of poor children and young persons, as well as adults, wait for hours in order to present themselves to the eye surgeon in whom they repose great faith. It is most encouraging to be also able to report the steadily increasing influence of the trained Chinese nurses on the mothers. An important reason for this is the desire to have the children of the poor educated in some form or other. Greater and greater attention is being paid by these mothers to the advice given them by the nurses; especially in the case in connection with such all-important matters as cleanliness, feeding and the general care of children. Every available opportunity is taken at the various branches of the Society to inculcate the elementary principles of child welfare; and one need only pay a visit to the Government Infant Welfare Centre in Wanchai or to that in Kowloon to appreciate how excellent an investment these Centres are.

I now move that the Report and Accounts for the past year be adopted.

Genuine Sympathy

H. E. the Governor: Before I put the motion to the meeting, I should like in the first place to thank Dr. Kotewall and Mr. Lo for the somewhat undescribed enthusiasm they have passed in favour of me and myself in connection with the work of this Society, and I can only wish we had done more to deserve it. What little we had done has been done with genuine sympathy for the poor children of Hongkong. (Applause.)

I have read this very comprehensive report and in common with you all have found it somewhat depressing. There is no doubt, I think, that it has set out the worst conditions that exist in the Colony. I doubt that there is a single person who doubts that the principal factor is that of poverty.

The report shows that much time and money has been spent by a number of individuals for the Society and to them the Society owes a

great debt of thanks. There is no better cause for their activities. It is a thing that is attracting the attention of great many countries to-day and it is a fact, though it may not be well-known, it is one of the principal activities of the League of Nations.

More Facilities

I can say what I said last year that there is, fortunately, no evidence of wilful cruelty in this Colony—at any rate very little. The misfortunes of children can be attributed almost entirely to ill-health and poverty but there is more accommodation in hospitals now and we have established one or two infant welfare centres and contemplate establishing more. As Mr. Lo and Dr. Kotewall have said, the new infant welfare centre at Wanchai has proved a great success as also has that on the mainland.

Owing to the generosity of some Chinese friends, who are building a permanent infant welfare centre in Wanchai, which will be handed over to the Government upon completion, we hope it may be possible by next year, if not certainly the year after, for us to be able to transfer the cost of the rented premises in Wanchai to similar premises in the Western part of the town. The Government have already acquired a considerable piece of land on which to establish a health centre in the West, but unfortunately our finances have not permitted us to start building there.

The Kowloon centre, I understand is doing very well in its connection our thanks are due to the Sisters of the Precious Blood Convent, whose institution I visited some months ago, when I was greatly struck by the work and voluntary character of the Sisters and others of that institution.

The main factor at work is no doubt that of poverty and for that I have been unable to find a remedy. Housing conditions in this Colony are due more to the economic factor of poverty than to bad housing, though a great many do exist. Many new houses have been built but a large number lie vacant owing to the fact that the poverty of our inhabitants do not permit them to pay the rent that are asked for them.

A Peculiar Trouble. One of the troubles here is the entry of poor and unemployed from the neighbouring countries which makes the Colony's burden much greater, and because of this we are very dependent on the society for such help as can be given to the children of the Colony. Money is essential and I make a strong appeal not only to those who have generously helped in the past and will continue to help, but to those who have not yet even considered the question; for I cannot believe that anyone who could afford to give help to such a cause can possibly refrain from doing so.

The account shows a deficit on last year's work and I hope at the end of the coming year it will be turned into surplus. I should like to offer my thanks on behalf of the Colony and the Government to those institutions which have given such great assistance to the Government such as the St. Louis Industrial School, the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the Convents, who had done more than most people realise on behalf of the poor of the Colony. I should like to thank Lady Southern and the Women's Auxiliary for the good start she has made and for the monetary help to the Society.

Mui Tsai Problem. Our thanks are due to this Society (S.P.C.) and its officers who have given the Government help in the mui tsai problem. The critics of the mui tsai are not so vocal as they were because they realise that the Government has done a great deal to battle with this subject. The mui tsai system, as I see it, is not altogether bad, as it has undoubtedly led to the saving of the lives of many children who would otherwise have died owing to the poverty of their parents. At the same time it has its defects and has to go.

I am also prepared to believe that there are a great number of unregistered mui tsai in the Colony. To eradicate or discover them would probably necessitate a house to house inspection involving considerable vexation and expense. Inspectors are doing what they can and the Courts are imposing heavier fines.

In case there are loopholes I have recently appointed a committee under the chairmanship of Mr. F. H. Lowery, whose interest in children you are all aware, to see if any further improvement can be made.

With reference to "adopted daughters" this is a delicate and difficult subject and we have always held the view that so long as there is no evidence of abuse there is no need to register such; but if it should appear that mui tsai are being kept under the guise of adopted daughters, the Government would have no hesitation in insisting upon their registering.

Salvation Army. Upon the question of Juvenile Offenders, the Government is indebted to Mr. Hazlerigg for drawing up the necessary legislation in connection with it. I visited the male juvenile home some months ago and it seemed to be going well. Some difficulty was experienced in arranging for a Juvenile Female Home, but thanks to the help and support of the Salvation Army, we have been able to provide a home for them as well.

The report and accounts were then put to the meeting and were unanimously adopted. Mr. G. P. de Martin proposed and Mr. R. C. H. Lim seconded the election of the patrons, His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel; the President Sir Shouson Chau; and the Vice-Presidents. At the suggestion of the Hon. Dr. Kotewall, the name of Lady Southern was added as a vice-President. The general and executive committees were re-elected on the motion of Mr. Cooper and a vote of thanks to Messrs. Percy Smith, Both & Fleming, the hon. authors was passed on the motion of Mr. J. T. Prior seconded by Mr. A. C. Arcull. Mr. Boxer thanked His Excellency for presiding.



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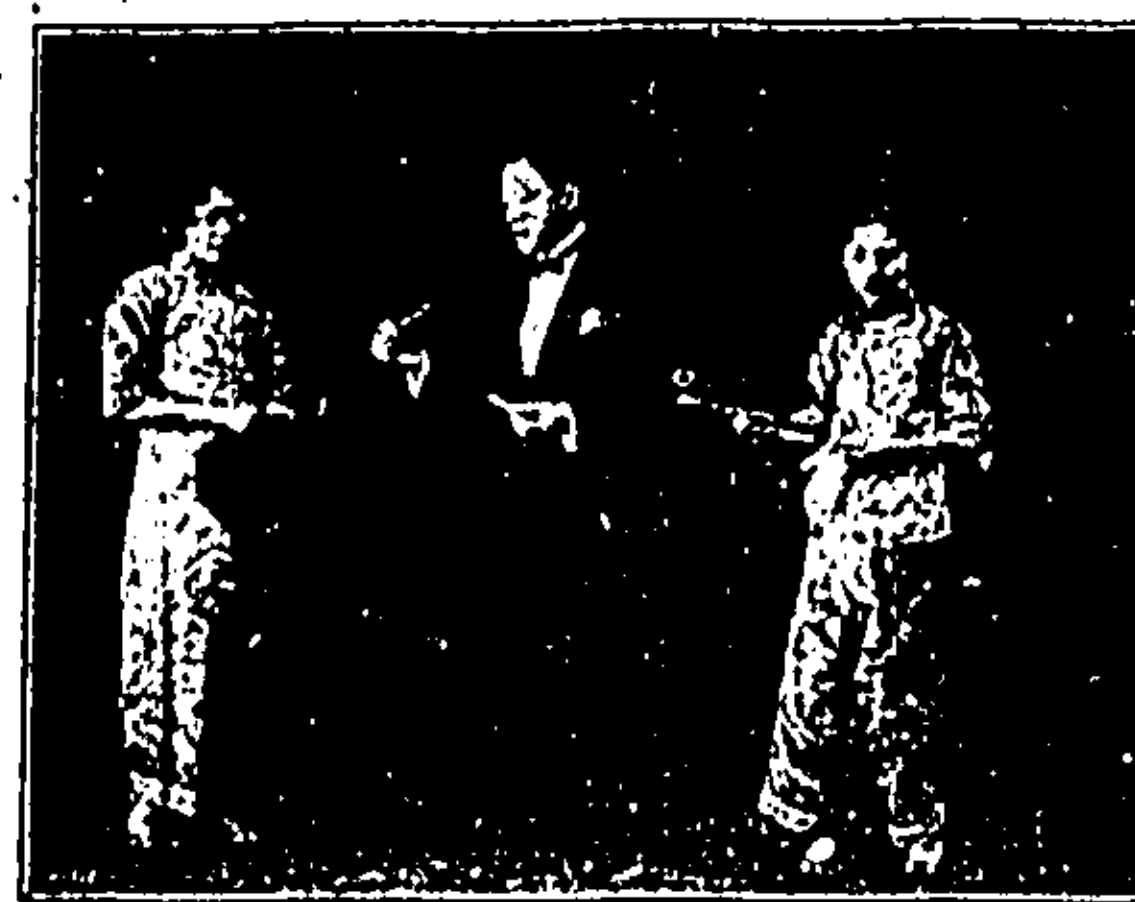
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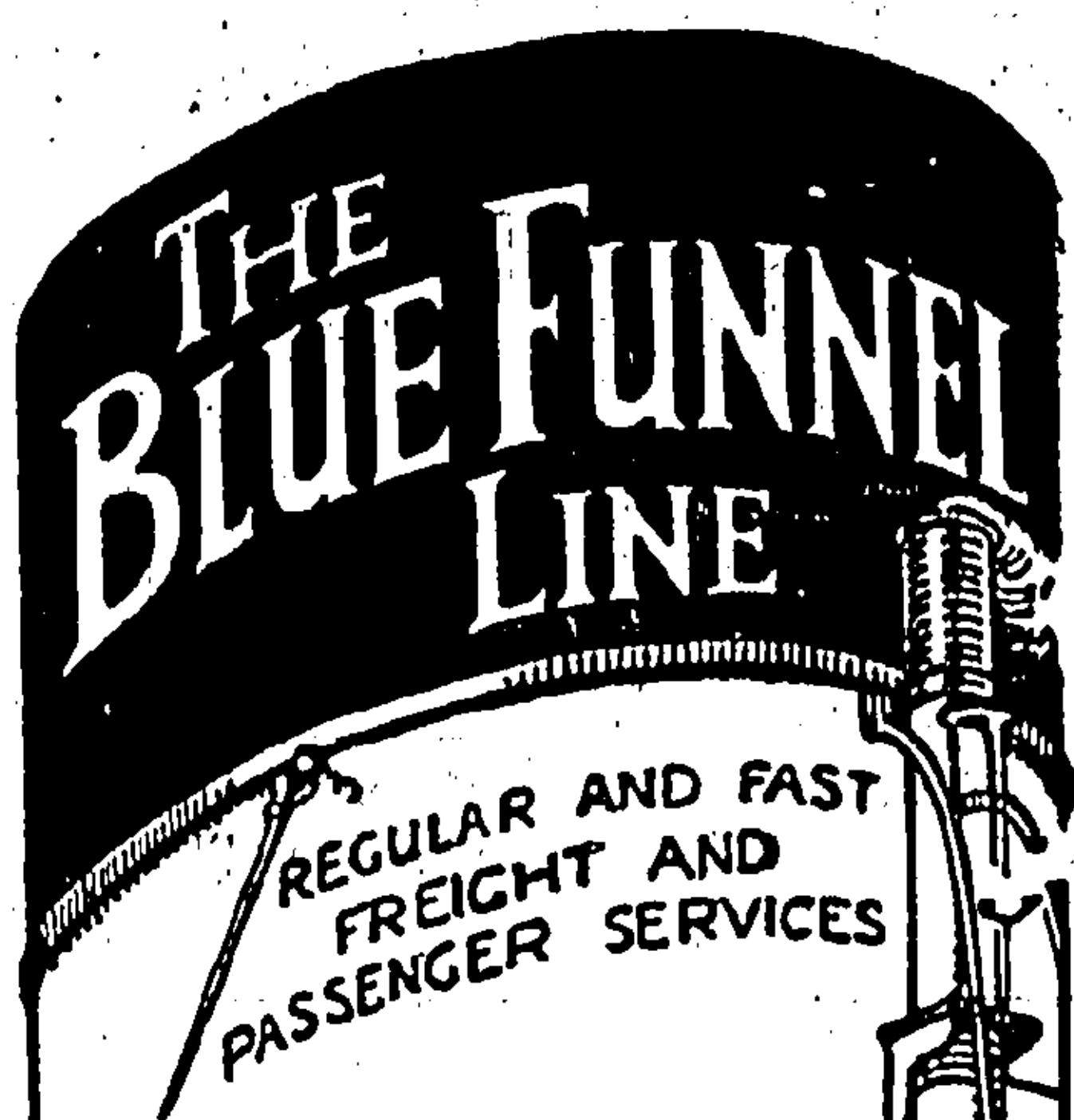
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CHAPTER XXXVII

Fisher's voice rose belligerently. "Go on!" he said. "Come clean—who was that friend?"

"All I know," the girl said, "is that it was someone who was called Frank."

"You're lying," Fisher told her. "You know more than that. Who was that friend?"

Her eyes refused to meet those of the attorney. "Who?" was that friend?" Fisher said with slow insistence.

She raised her eyes to his, said desperately, "I can tell you this much, but he told me that he'd find me and kill me if I ever told anyone."

"Never mind that," Fisher said. "What is it you're going to tell me?"

"A telephone call," she said. "That Frank lived at Riverview?"

"Yes," she said. "I don't know." "You're either going to tell us where that woman lived," said Fisher, "or you're going to go to jail."

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in the chair and put her hands to her face.

The lawyer continued his aggressive cross-examination. "Where did this woman live?" he asked.

"I don't know," she said. "None of that," he told her. "It's going to be just too bad."

She dropped her hands from her face, jumped to her feet, screamed at him. "I don't know! I don't know! I don't know! I tell you I don't know! Don't you stand there in stony silence."

"Go on," the lawyer said. "I'm waiting." "I don't know," she said doggedly.

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Pete would say, "Did you do what I suggested, Frank?" and then Frank would evidently say "yes or no" and Pete would say "Where's the party we were talking about yesterday?" and Frank would make some reply, and then Pete would say "Do you think that any suspicion has been aroused?" or something like that. The conversations were just like that. I'm not trying to tell you exactly what they were because I can't remember, but it was something like that—things that no one could understand that had been listening in."

Fisher scowled at her moodily. "I'm wondering if you're telling the truth about that," he said.

"Yes," she said in a tone of voice that indicated all of the resistance had left her. "I'm telling you the truth about everything now. It doesn't stand to reason that they'd let me in on their secrets. If they had I'd probably have been killed by this time."

"And what happened to Pete?" the attorney asked.

"He left. There were some telephone calls that came in late last night and one early this morning, and Pete called Frank at the Cathay residence and said, 'I've done my part of it. Now it's up to you to do yours' or something like that and then he packed his suitcase."

"Now, did these telephone calls take place from your room here?" Fisher asked.

"Some of them did."

"How about the others?" "They were from other places. Pete didn't seem to want to call from any one telephone too much. We'd be out to dinner in restaurants and he'd put in calls from the restaurants. Or sometimes he'd stop in drug stores and put through the calls."

"Are you holding out anything on us?" asked Fisher. "Is there anything else that you know that you haven't told us?"

"I've told you every single thing," she said, raising her eyes mournfully. "And when Pete finds out he's going to kill me."

"Evidently," Fisher said, "you think that this man, Pete, wouldn't stop at murder?"

"He wouldn't stop at anything," she said. "Why did you keep on with him?"

"I don't know," she said. "There was some fascination that he had for me. I don't know what it was. Something that pulled me to him. It was an attraction at first and after that it was fear."

(To Be Continued.)

A \$50 cheque taken on sudden importance in the murder mystery in the next instalment.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production, (100% Pure) having its final showing to-day at the Queen's Theatre. The picture was especially written for Miss Harlow by Anita Loos and John Emerson. As Eddie Chapman, the ambitious showgirl who "had to be good" to be good, Miss Harlow gives one of her most entertaining performances of her career. Her big ambition is to meet a millionaire, fascinate him, and have the tell-tale ring placed on her finger. Miss Harlow finally gets her man but only after a series of hilarious situations, one of which lands her behind jail bars, the victim of a false charge. Franchot Tone appears as Tom, the rich man's son, and wins new screen honours as one of the most persistent lovers seen upon the screen for many months. Barrymore plays the character of T. R. Paige, the capitalist, whose political career is almost ruined by one of Eddie's pranks. Lewis Stone, recognised as one of the finest actors, does well with the brief role of Cousin, the ruined financier who offers to marry Eddie.

Harry Cording, Edgar Ulmer, directed from a screenplay by Peter Kuris suggested by the Edgar Allan Poe tale of the same name.

"Treasure Island" Wallace Berry and Jackie Cooper united again as a screen team. Such is the cinematic pleasure offered in "Treasure Island" famous Robert Louis Stevenson pirate classic coming on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre. The powerful heart appeal of this combination of man and boy that stirred millions with "The Champ" and recently "The Bowery" has never presented with more dramatic intensity than in the pirate story. As Long John Silver, ferocious and cunning, Berry is chosen as a friend by young Cooper portraying Jim Hawkins, boy adventurer. Their experiences together during the search for treasure are packed with thrills and pathos that bring gasps and tears to everyone who sees them. Lionel Barrymore is ideal as the blustering and bullying old Billy Bones, who finally dies of heart failure when given the "black-spot" by the pirates. His make-up is especially interesting and is one of the most striking he has ever attempted. Captain Smollett who commands the ship Hispaniola on the treasure cruise, is played with conviction by Lewis Stone. Otto Kruger's forceful personality adds strength to the character of Dr. Livesey, who provides medical aid for the expeditions. The whimsical and half-mad Ben Gunn, who finds treasure while marooned on the island, is played with hilarious comedy touches by Charles "Chic" Sale; Nigel Bruce adds English bluster and vigor to the role of Trilby's tiny Sir John Collins; provides joyful and charming interest for Jackie Cooper in early sequences. Dozens of well known characters players also distinguish themselves in the cast including William V. Mong, Charles McNaughton, Edmund Breese, Douglas Dumbrille, Charles Irwin, Richard Powell and James Burke.

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HEIRESS MUST LEAVE MOTHER

STAY OF EXECUTION REFUSED

New York, Dec. 18. The Appellate Court denied Mrs. Gloria Vanderbilt's motion for a stay of execution of the ruling regarding the custody of her little daughter, who was given into the care of Mrs. Payne Whitney, her aunt, except for week-ends and designated holidays.

The Appellate Court held, however, that the child may spend Christmas Day with her mother, but only if her aunt consents.

The child, named for her mother, is the heiress to a \$1,000,000 fortune left by her father.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH FINANCES

LATEST EXCHEQUER RETURNS

London, Dec. 18. Exchequer returns for the past week show that during the current financial year the total ordinary revenue, exclusive of self-balancing revenue amounted at December 15 to £393,863,147, which is £2,989,236 less than the amount collected at the corresponding date last year.

Expenditure for the same period, exclusive of self-balancing items, was £394,906,618, which exceeds the amount expended at the corresponding date last year by £11,328,844.—*British Wireless.*

BRAZIL'S DEBTS

BRITAIN WATCHING POSITION

London, Dec. 18. In reply to a Parliamentary question, Mr. Anthony Eden stated that the exchange position in Brazil had been the subject of special study, and representations were being addressed to the Brazilian Government with a view to ensuring that British interests

VAST ITALIAN RECLAMATION

NEW PROVINCE IN ONE-TIME SWAMP

Rome, Dec. 18. Premier Mussolini, in a broadcast address to-day, inaugurated the new Italian province of Littorio, composed mainly of lands reclaimed from the Pontine Marshes.

Premier Mussolini said that it would take another ten years to complete the work of reclamation.

In order that the gigantic task should not be interrupted, the Italian nation must have great strength of arms, he declared.—*Reuter.*

RUMANIA DEBTS TO BRITAIN

SPEEDY PAYMENT URGED

London, Dec. 18. The question of trade debts due by Rumania to the United Kingdom was further discussed between the President of the Board of Trade and Monsieur Manulescu Strunga to-day.

Mr. Runciman emphasised that integral payments of these debts on sterling, within the shortest period possible, is regarded as essential by His Majesty's Government.

M. Manulescu Strunga recognised the justice of the United Kingdom point of view and undertook to consult his Government with a view to the resumption of negotiations early, in January.—*British Wireless.*

should not receive less favourable treatment than those of other countries.

He added that the existing arrangement for partial service of the Brazilian external debt covered four years from April 1 last, it therefore appeared improbable that the exchange regulations recently introduced in Brazil would exercise any immediate effects on the interests of British bondholders.—*British Wireless.*

MORE TROUBLE IN SAAR

HEAD OF POLICE RESIGNS

Saarbruecken, Dec. 18. Major Hemsley, a British officer, head of the International Police Force under the control of the Saar Governing Commission, has resigned from his post following some differences with his superiors.

No precise reason is given for the resignation, and it is not thought that it has anything to do with the episode of Saturday when a British officer, Capt. Justice, also on the Saar Police Force, was attacked by a crowd and severely beaten.—*Reuter.*

(Special to "Telegraph") SUCCESSOR NAMED

Saarbruecken, Dec. 18. Major Hennessy, who is on the personal staff of the Chairman of the Saar Governing Commission (Mr. Knox) will succeed Major Hemsley.

Major Hennessy, it is now quite clear, was not asked to resign. He chose this means of relieving the Governing Commission of any embarrassment resulting from publicity surrounding the recent events here, and so that there could be no reflection whatever on the Saar Police Force.—*Reuter Special.*

BIG LOSS FOR MERCHANT

NEARLY \$24,000 STOLEN

A heavy loss by theft, stated to amount to nearly \$24,000, has been suffered by the Yuen Hing Fong Kuo, Fukien merchants, of 8 Des Voeux Road West, according to a report officially made to the police yesterday morning.

Police investigators were shown a safe on the second floor which apparently had been opened with a key abstracted from the pocket of a coat worn by the proprietor.

The discovery was made yesterday morning when the proprietor woke up to find the door of the safe open, and the large sum, which comprised over thirty \$500 bills, and notes of other denominations, abstracted.

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